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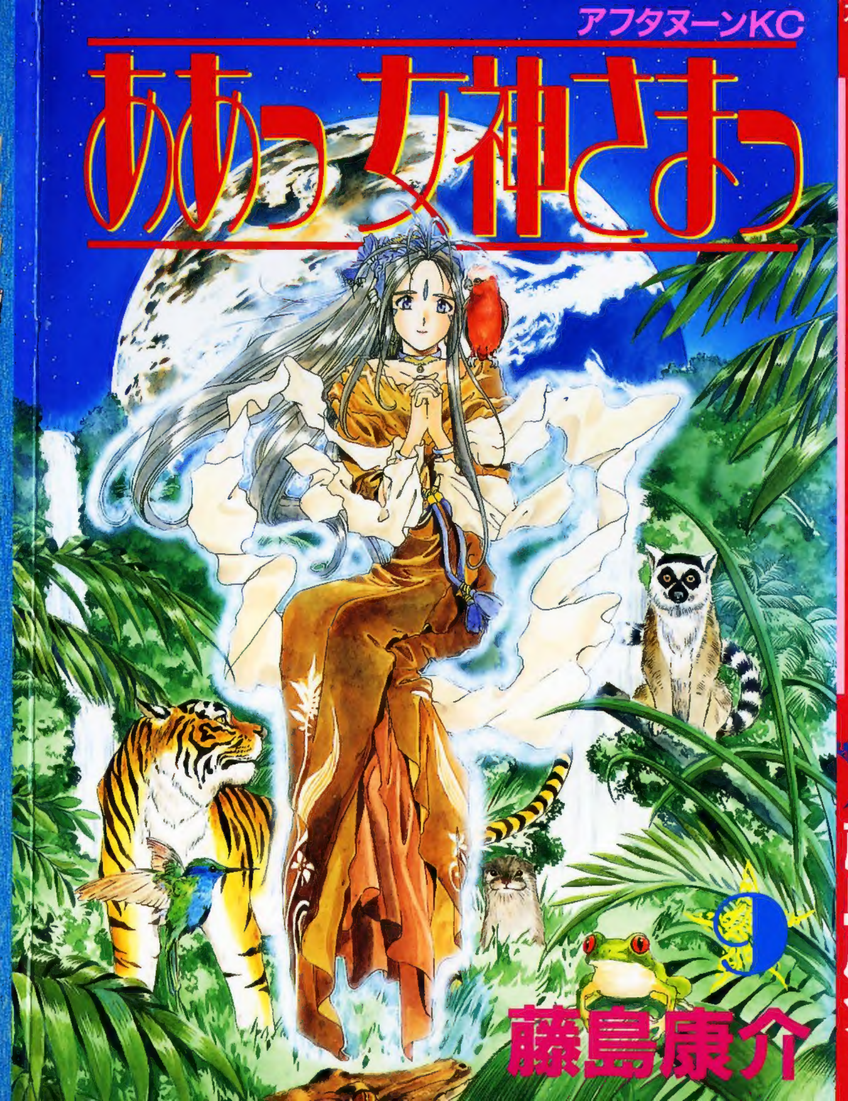

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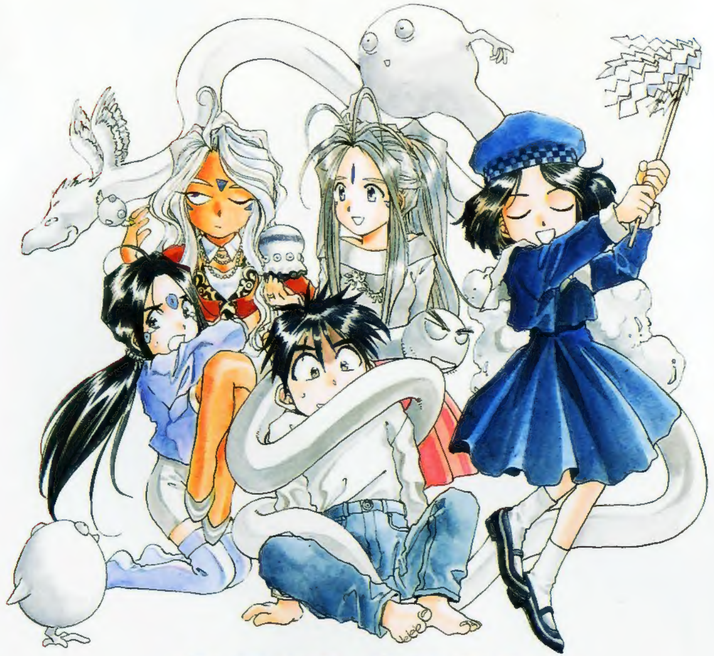

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やあ、みんな久しぶり。またしても俺のニューマシンを紹介する事になってしまった。まあ付き合ってくれ。今回は、最高速度250km/hをマークする、ジャパンエクスプレス・ひかり号だ。なぜか可愛いさを感じてしまう、そのボディー。低燃費で、1回の走行で100円しか使用しない。買った当時は"大人は乗らないでください"と書いてあったような気もするが、まぁ細かい事は気にしない。次回はプライベートで買ったヘリコプターを紹介するぞ!!

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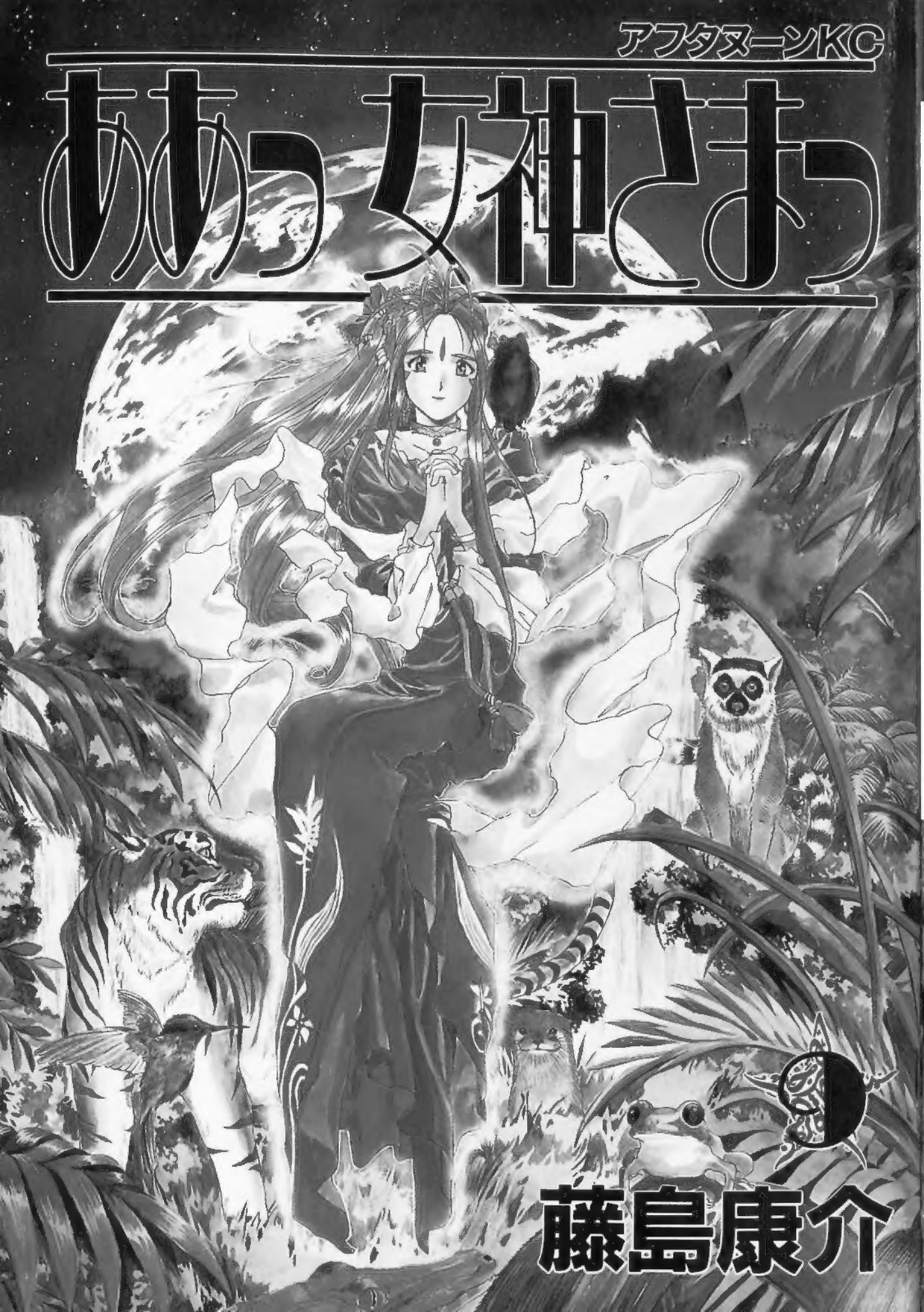

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Law of the Ninja

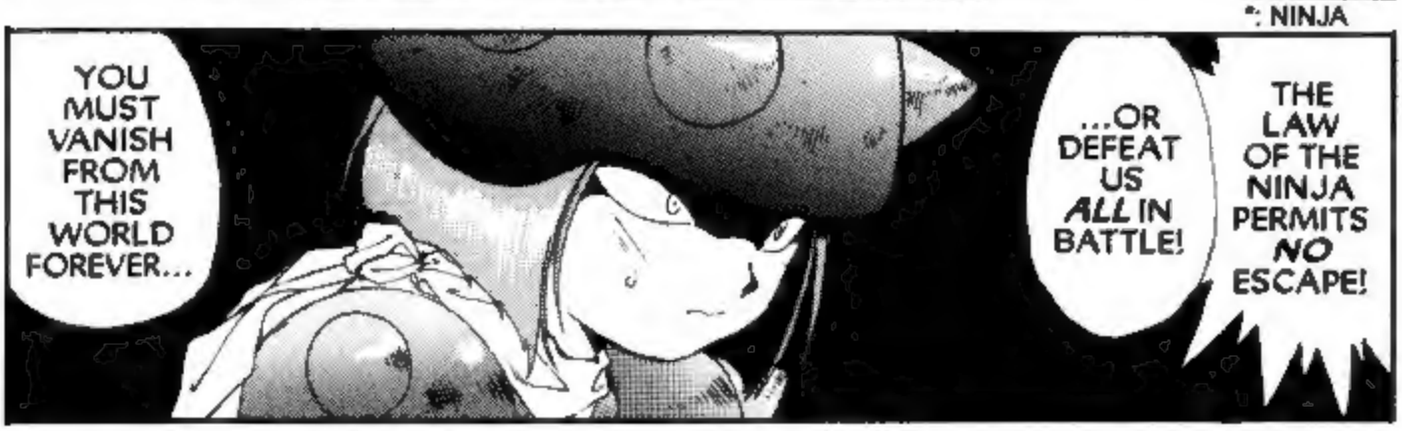
TO THE TRAITOR... DEATH!
DEATH TO ALL TRAITORS!
DEATH TO THOSE WHO BREAK THE LAW!
DEATH TO KODAMA, MISTRESS OF ILLUSIONS... FUGITIVE NINJA!
DEATH!!
THIS CHILL I FEEL IN MY SOUL... CAN IT BE...?
KODAMA ...?
HM?

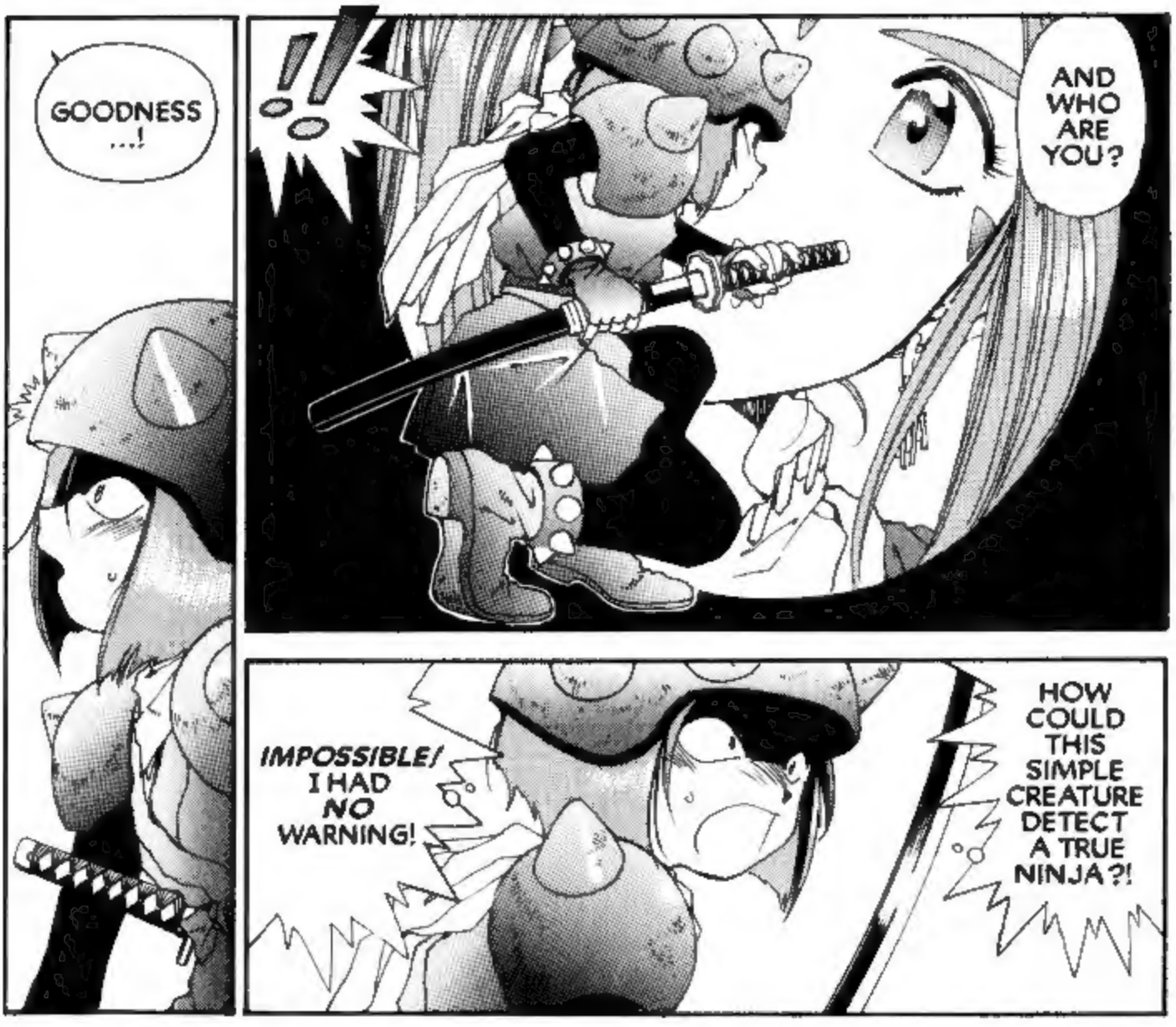
IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU...?
UH... NO! NOT AT ALL!
I JUST FELT A LITTLE CHILL...
BUT THAT'S TERRIBLE!
MAYBE WE SHOULD GET SOME MEDICINE FROM URD...
ACK! NO! NO!
REALLY? WELL... OKAY.
I MEAN, I ALWAYS CARRY MY OWN!
NO WAY AM I GOING TO TAKE ANYTHING URD MADE!
LORD ONLY KNOWS WHAT'S IN IT...

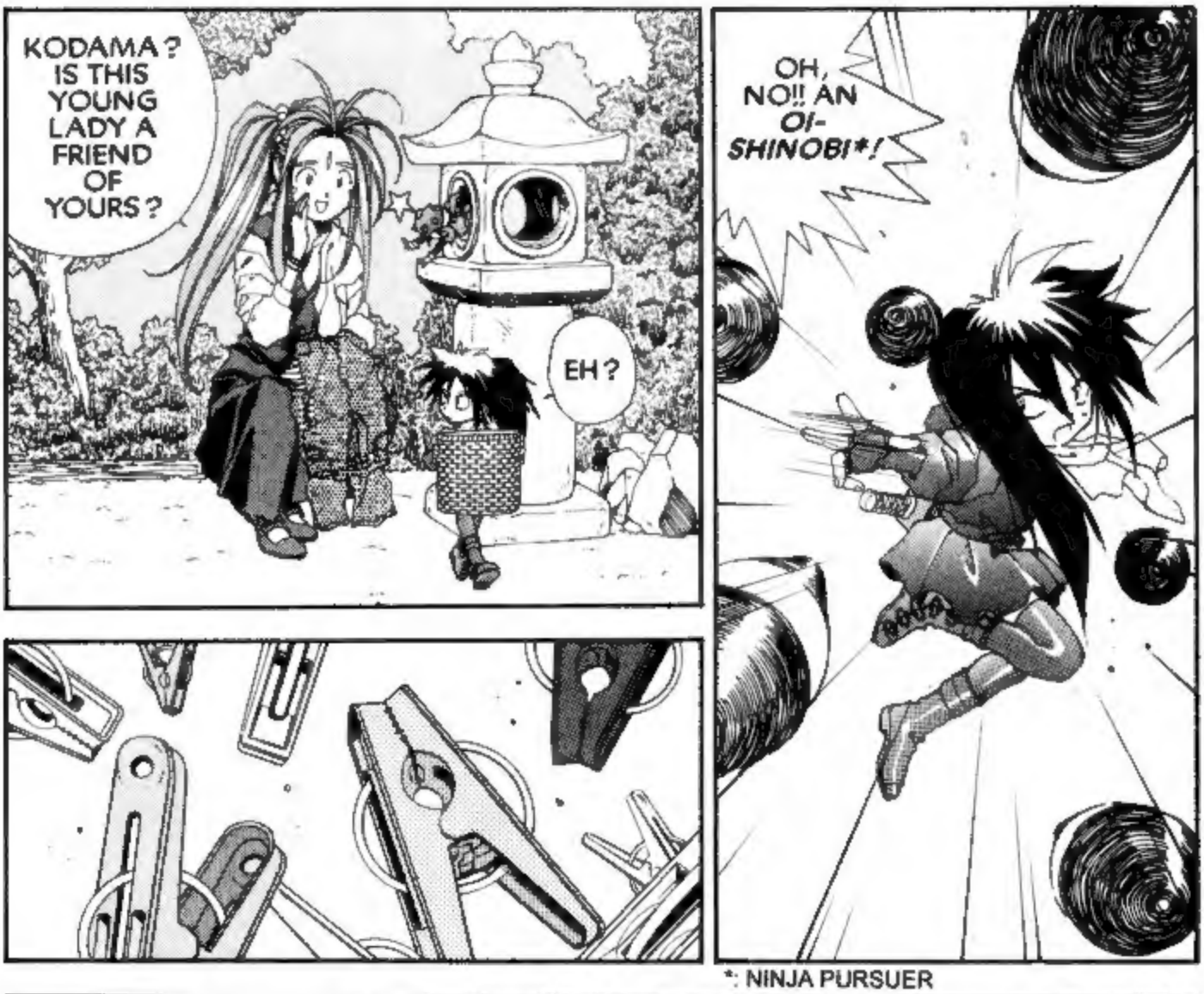
BUT DO BE CAREFUL, KODAMA. IT'S HARD TO GET RID OF A COLD AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.
LET'S GO INSIDE AND GET YOU SOME NICE, HOT TEA RIGHT NOW.
SUCH TENDERNESS OVER-FLOWING MY HEART!
AH, TO THINK MERE WORDS COULD BE SO... SO WARMING...
...
"♥♥" IS IT?
I CAN SENSE YOU, EVEN FROM WAY OVER HERE.
YOU ALWAYS WERE THE SENTIMENTAL ONE, KODAMA DEAR.

"AND NOW LOOK AT YOU, FORGETTING YOUR NINJA WAYS.
"THINK YOU TO FORGET AS WELL THE BLOOD CODE OF ALL SHINOBI*?"

*: NINJA


YOU MUST VANISH FROM THIS WORLD FOREVER...
...OR DEFEAT US ALL IN BATTLE!
THE LAW OF THE NINJA PERMITS NO ESCAPE!

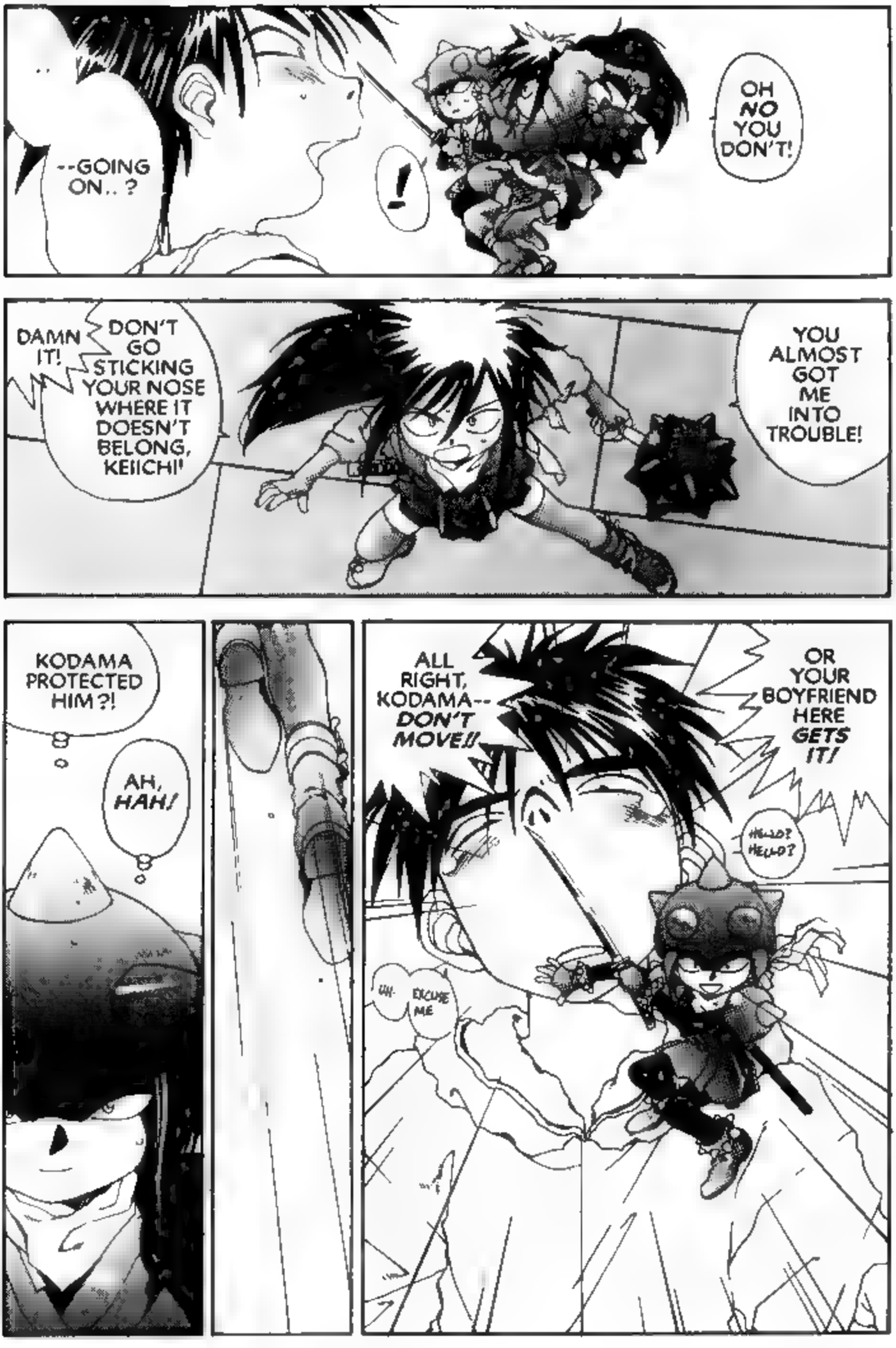

GOODNESS ...!
AND WHO ARE YOU?
IMPOSSIBLE! I HAD NO WARNING!
HOW COULD THIS SIMPLE CREATURE DETECT A TRUE NINJA?!


KODAMA? IS THIS YOUNG LADY A FRIEND OF YOURS?
EH?
OH, NO!! AN *OI-SHINOBI*!*
*: NINJA PURSUER
!!
H-HIKARI?!

ET TU, HIKARI?!
GEE... MAYBE THEY WEREN'T FRIENDS, AFTER ALL?
THE ONE THEY CALL LIGHTNING HIKARI...
ANOTHER NINJA MASTER, CREATED AT THE SAME TIME AS I..

"BEFORE THE MASTER REMADE US, I WAS A NORWAY RAT AND SHE WAS A ROOF RAT..
"OUR FRIENDSHIP TRANSCENDED THE BOUNDS OF SUB-SPECIES, TRANSCENDED SIMPLE FRIENDSHIP ITSELF...
"AHH... HOW OFTEN WE USED TO SHARE A JUICY COCKROACH FOR DINNER..."
HERE KODAMA DEAR YOU HAVE BOTH BACK LEGS
OH, NO I INSIST THAT YOU EAT ONE, TOO, MY SWEET HIKARI
YET SO CRUEL IS THE LAW OF THE NINJA!
IF YOU DESIRE TO SURVIVE, YOU MUST SLAY WITHOUT PITY ANY WHO WOULD OPPOSE YOU!
AYY!
HEH HEH... I GUESS EVEN KODAMA..
...CAN'T MATCH MY SPEED!
AND NOW.

. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT HER INSANE STRENGTH?!
WHANG
KANG
WHUD
SKRAK
KEIICHI'S SHOP
HYAA!
RR.
GRR
WHAM
BE QUIET!!
ARRGH!
GRARR!
WHAT THE HELL IS--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--GOING ON.. ?
!
OH NO YOU DON'T!
DAMN IT!
DON'T GO STICKING YOUR NOSE WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG, KEIICHI!
YOU ALMOST GOT ME INTO TROUBLE!
KODAMA PROTECTED HIM?!
AH, HAH!
ALL RIGHT, KODAMA-- DON'T MOVE!!
OR YOUR BOYFRIEND HERE GETS IT!
HELLO? HELLO?
UH- EXCUSE ME

WELL, KODAMA... LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL HAVE TO DROP YOUR WEAPONS, EH?
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG, HIKARI!
THE ONE I SERVE IS *LADY BELL-DANDY!*
YOU WANT TO SLICE HIM UP, GO AHEAD!
...!!
OR.. THAT'S WHAT I'D *LIKE* TO SAY.
BUT IF YOU DO THAT, I SUSPECT LADY BELLDANDY WOULD BE SADDENED.
VERY WELL, THEN. I'LL DO AS YOU SAY.
KLAK
WHOO
KSSH

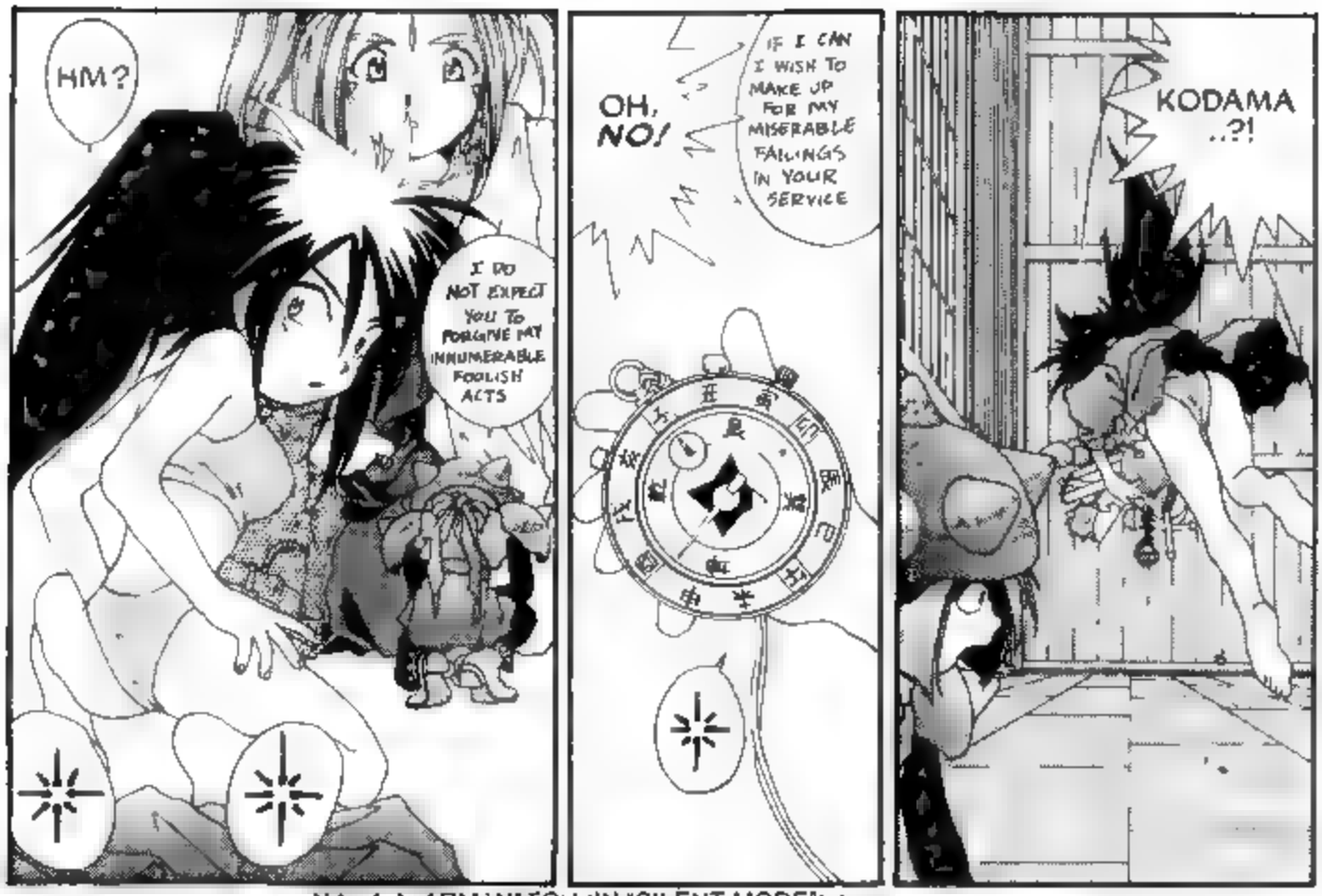
THERE-- SATISFIED?
AND NEXT...
THUNK
YES, THAT'S IT CLEVER GIRL
ALL THE ARMOR TOO.
UH?
WHERE'D SHE PUT THOSE THINGS?
WHOA...
AND NOW-- DON'T MOVE!
THOK THOK THOK

OH NO!! KODAMA!!
HAH!
GOT HER!
!!
A DUMMY ...?!
DAMN! I FORGOT!
SHE'S THE MISTRESS OF ILLUSION!
AND I JUST GAVE HER AN OPENING!

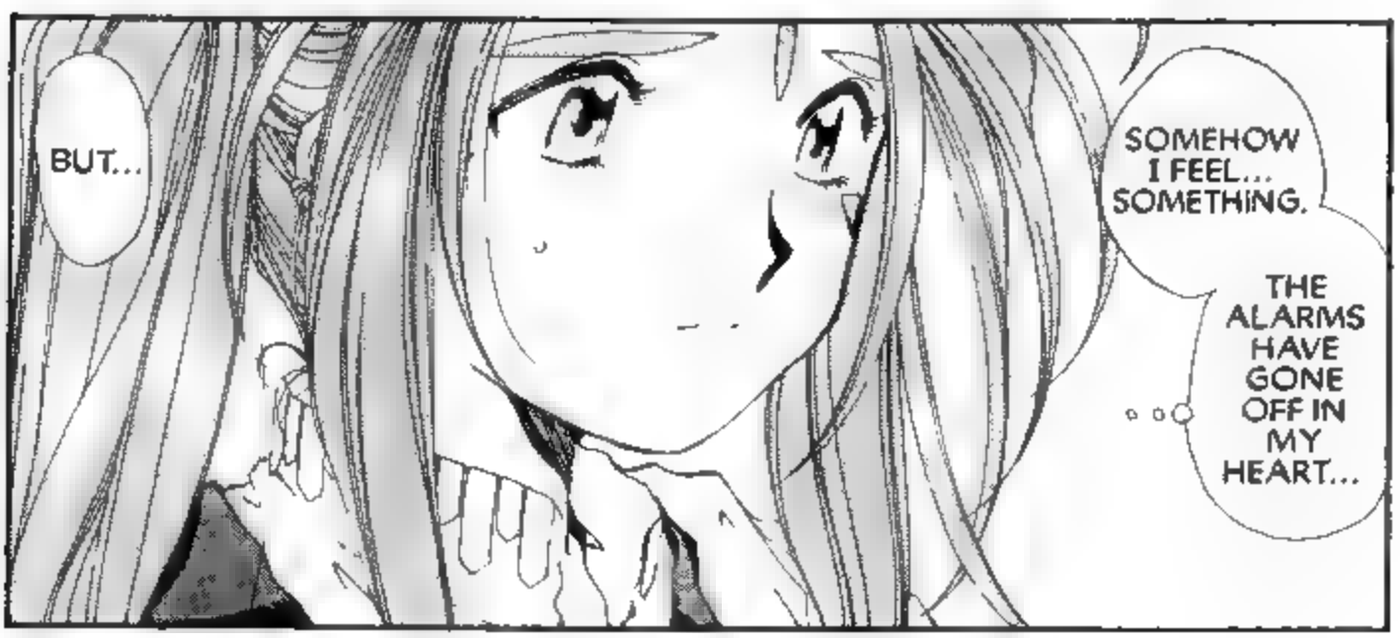
"THAT HUGE MOUNTAIN OF WEAPONS WAS JUST A TRICK SO I WOULDN'T NOTICE THE ONLY ONE THAT COUNTED! DAMN!! EVEN THEN I WAS ALREADY IN HER TRAP!"
KODAMA'S NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK TECHNIQUE!
THAT'S IT-- I'M DONE FOR!
STOP THAT THIS INSTANT!
AH?!
WHAT DID I TELL YOU. ?!
...!
ALL LIFE IS SACRED!
REMEMBER, KODAMA?!

EVEN IF THAT LIFE IS NOT YOUR OWN
MM ?
YES, MY LADY!
AH ?
?
HUH ?

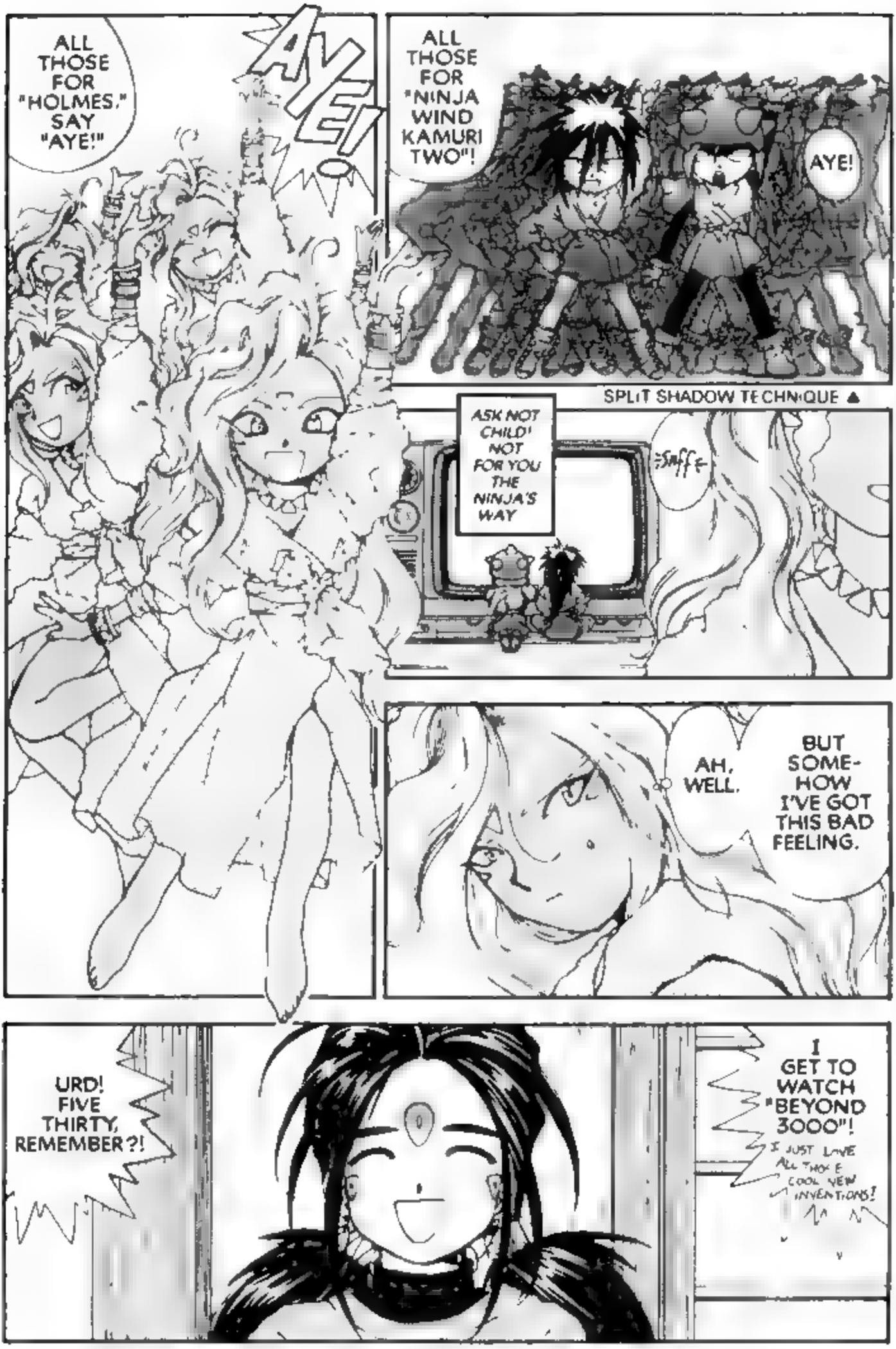
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'VE NEVER KNELT FOR ANYONE EXCEPT THE MASTER!
IS IS THIS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "A CLASS ACT" ?
I HAVE SEEN MY OWN FOOLISH-NESS!
HEAR MY REQUEST MY LADY!
I WOULD LEAVE OUR NINJA CLAN AND REMAIN HERE WITH KODAMA!
HI-HIKARI?!

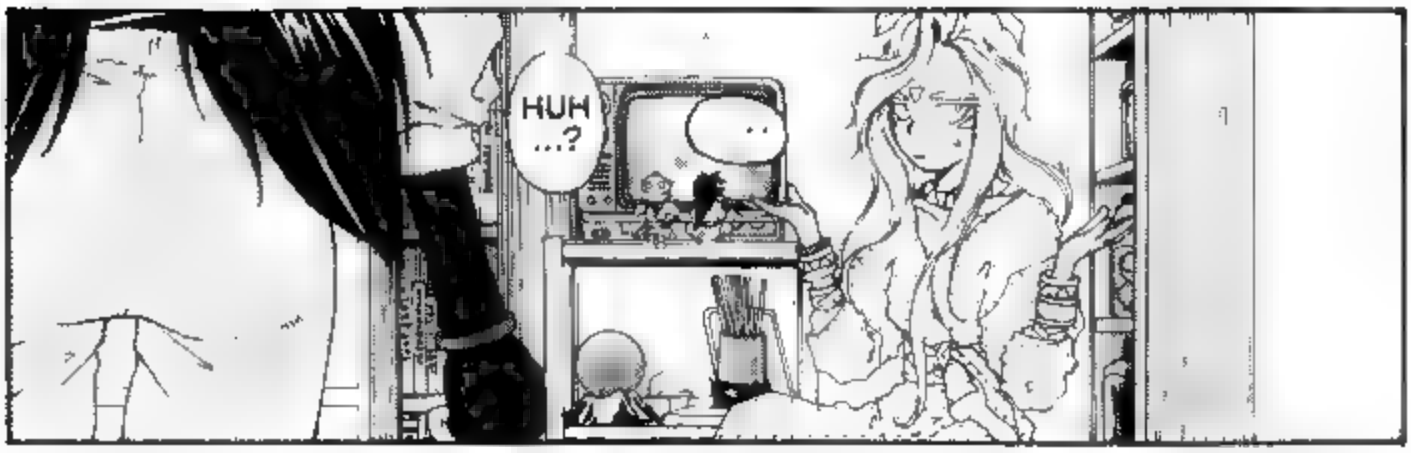

HM?
I DO NOT EXPECT YOU TO FORGIVE MY INNUMERABLE FOOLISH ACTS
OH, NO!
IF I CAN I WISH TO MAKE UP FOR MY MISERABLE FAILINGS IN YOUR SERVICE
KODAMA ..?!

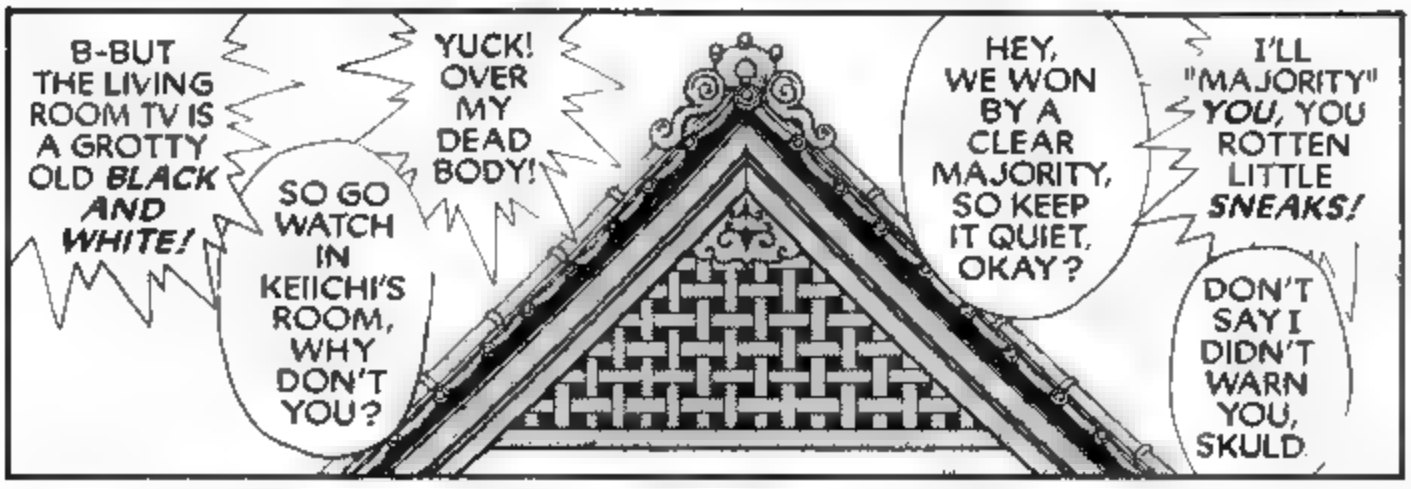
NINJA ALARM WATCH (IN "SILENT MODE") ▲

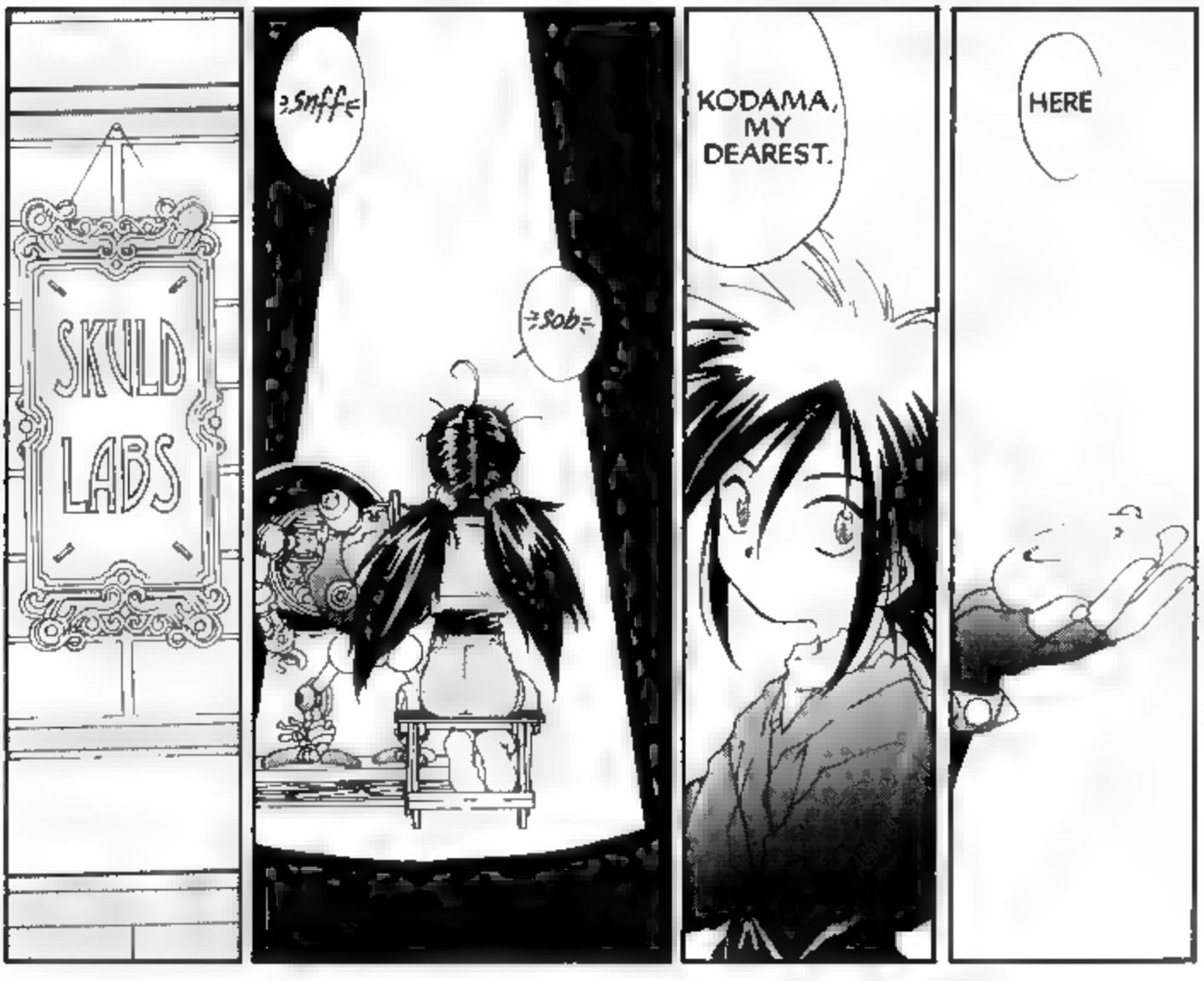


HAH! THE DREADED "SPRING FLOWERS" TECHNIQUE!
YOU WERE A FOOL TO STAND DOWN-WIND OF ME!
WHY?!
BECAUSE IT'S MY TELEVISION, THAT'S WHY!
AND BECAUSE AT EXACTLY FIVE OH-FIVE
..I WATCH "HOLMES"!
HOW UNFORTUNATE. THIS PROGRAM RUNS UNTIL SIX.
WE ALMOST MISSED THE BEGINNING, TOO
IT'S MY TV SO I HAVE FIRST VIEWING RIGHTS!
URD'S CASTLE
WELL, WE'RE ALREADY WATCHING, SO IT'S OUR RIGHT TO FINISH!
WHY DON'T WE VOTE? THAT'S FAIR!
A SIMPLE MAJORITY, HUH?
HEH, HEH... FINE BY ME.


ALL THOSE FOR "HOLMES," SAY "AYE!"
AYE!
ALL THOSE FOR "NINJA WIND KAMURI TWO"!
AYE!
SPLIT SHADOW TECHNIQUE ▲
ASK NOT CHILD! NOT FOR YOU THE NINJA'S WAY
Saff
AH, WELL.
BUT SOME-HOW I'VE GOT THIS BAD FEELING.
URD! FIVE THIRTY, REMEMBER?!
I GET TO WATCH "BEYOND 3000"!
I JUST LOVE ALL THOSE COOL NEW INVENTIONS!

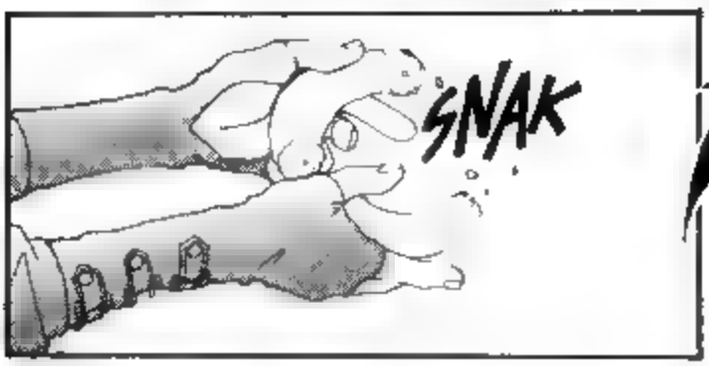

HUH ...?
...


B-BUT THE LIVING ROOM TV IS A GROTTY OLD *BLACK AND WHITE!*
SO GO WATCH IN KEIICHI'S ROOM, WHY DON'T YOU?
YUCK! OVER MY DEAD BODY!
HEY, WE WON BY A CLEAR MAJORITY, SO KEEP IT QUIET, OKAY?
I'LL "MAJORITY" *YOU*, YOU ROTTEN LITTLE *SNEAKS!*
DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU, SKULD.


SKULD LABS
=Sniff=
=Sob=
KODAMA, MY DEAREST.
HERE

A VERY SPECIAL SWEET.
FOR MY SWEET FRIEND!

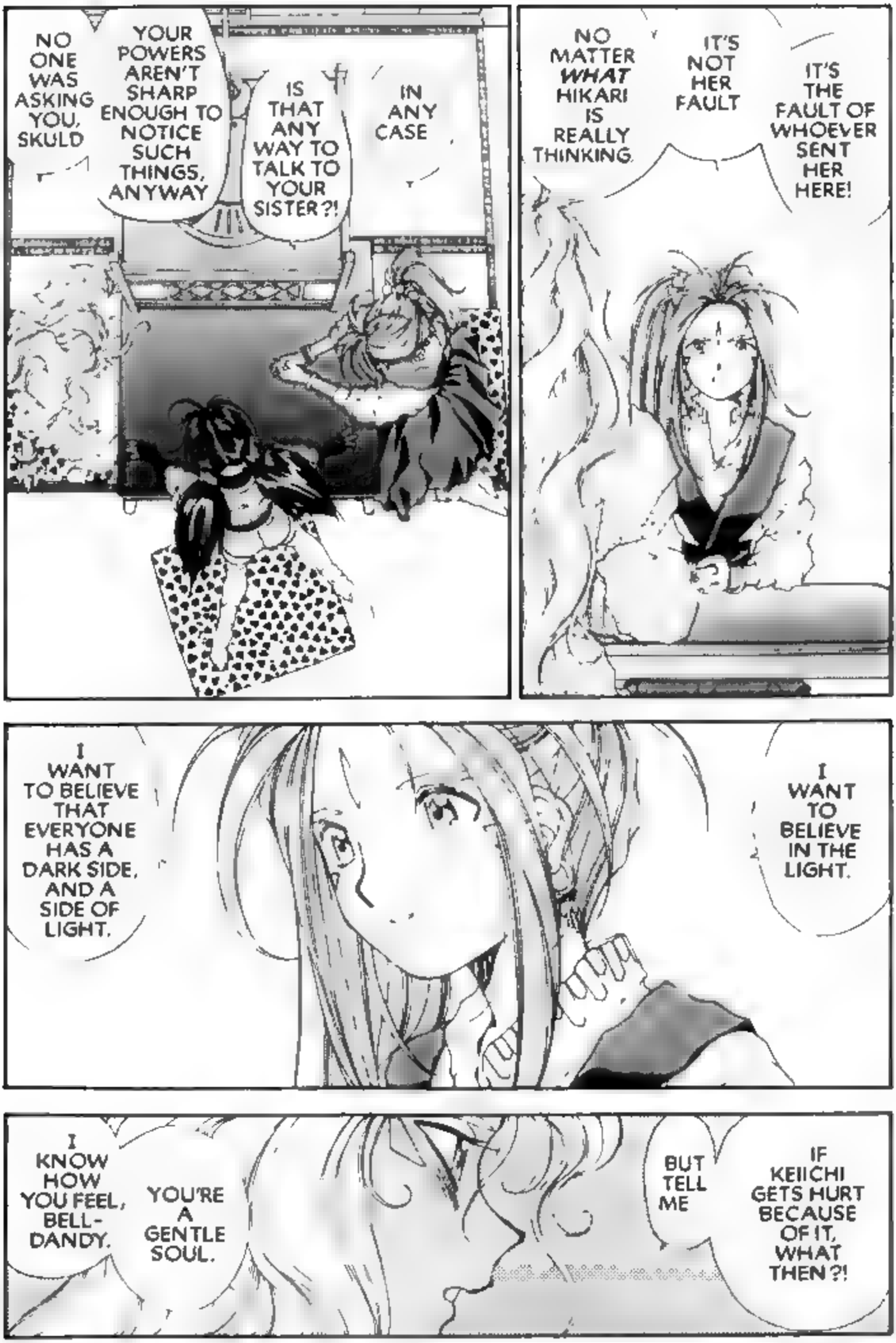
H-HIKARI!

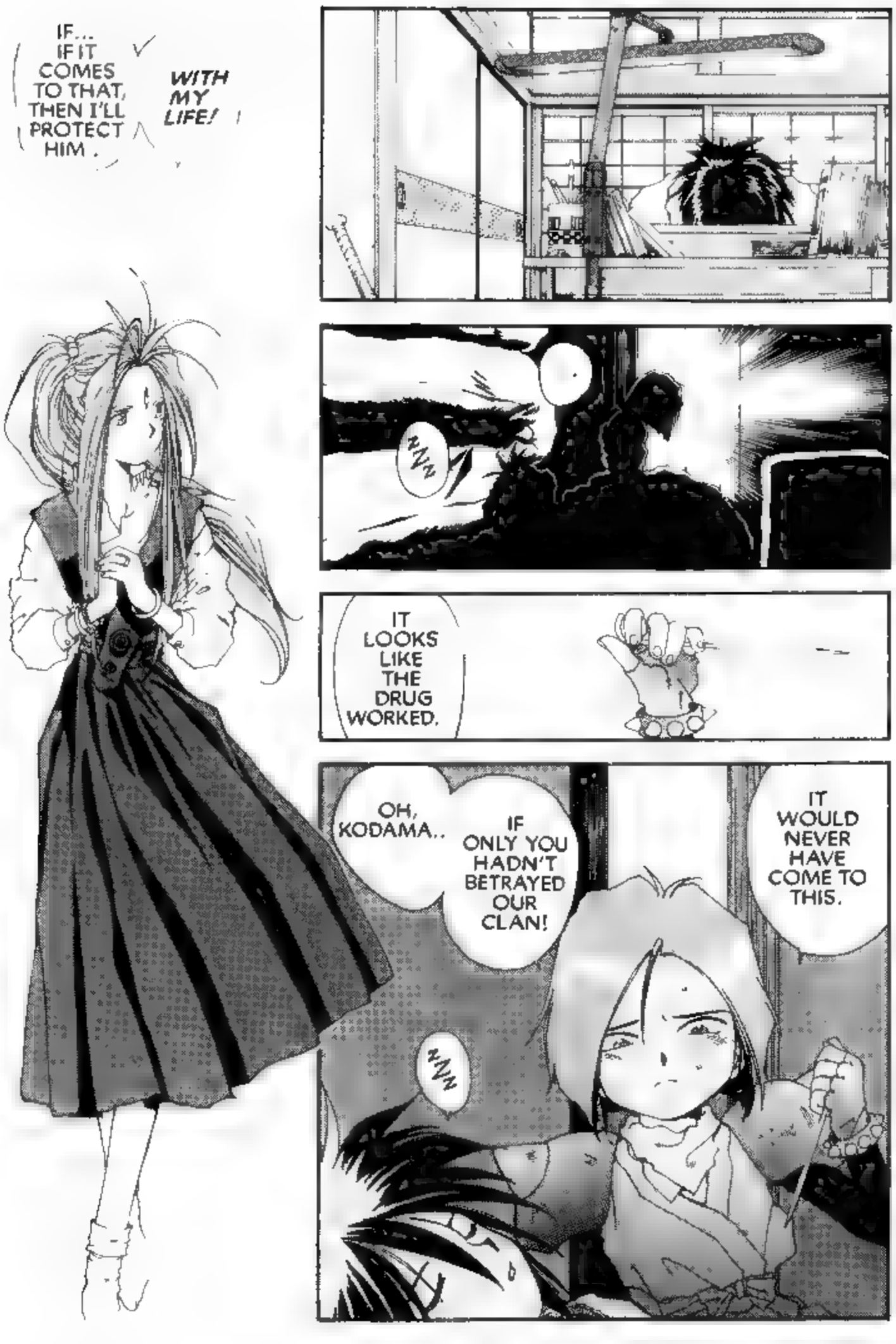

SNAK

HERE... WE'LL GO HALVSIES OKAY?
KODAMA..

IT'S JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, ISN'T IT...?
Y... YEAH..

KEIICHI'S SHOP
NNNN
WELL, I THINK SHE'S TOTALLY SUSPICIOUS!
IT'S OBVIOUSLY ALL A PUT ON!
YES... I'VE FELT IT, TOO.
LITTLE HIKARI...
IS HIDING SOMETHING FROM US.
I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!
ALL I KNOW IS THAT I MISSED "BEYOND 3000"!!


NO ONE WAS ASKING YOU, SKULD
YOUR POWERS AREN'T SHARP ENOUGH TO NOTICE SUCH THINGS, ANYWAY
IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO YOUR SISTER?!
IN ANY CASE
NO MATTER WHAT HIKARI IS REALLY THINKING.
IT'S NOT HER FAULT
IT'S THE FAULT OF WHOEVER SENT HER HERE!
I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE HAS A DARK SIDE, AND A SIDE OF LIGHT.
I WANT TO BELIEVE IN THE LIGHT.
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BELL-DANDY.
YOU'RE A GENTLE SOUL.
BUT TELL ME
IF KEIICHI GETS HURT BECAUSE OF IT, WHAT THEN?!


IF... IF IT COMES TO THAT, THEN I'LL PROTECT HIM.
WITH MY LIFE!
NNN
IT LOOKS LIKE THE DRUG WORKED.
OH, KODAMA..
IF ONLY YOU HADN'T BETRAYED OUR CLAN!
IT WOULD NEVER HAVE COME TO THIS.
NNN

THE MASTER SAID TO KILL YOU SLOWLY AND PAINFULLY
BUT I'LL GIVE YOU AN EASY DEATH, MY OLD FRIEND.
HIKARI, MY SWEET...
!!
HERE... WE'LL GO HALVSIES, OKAY?
A NINJA CAN HAVE NO FEELINGS
YET I DIDN'T FAIL TO KILL YOU BEFORE BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO STRONG FOR ME.
IT WAS BECAUSE I HESITATED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
YOU KNEW ENOUGH TO TAKE AN ANTIDOTE, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT'S MY DEAR KODAMA YOU'RE THE BEST NINJA OF US ALL.

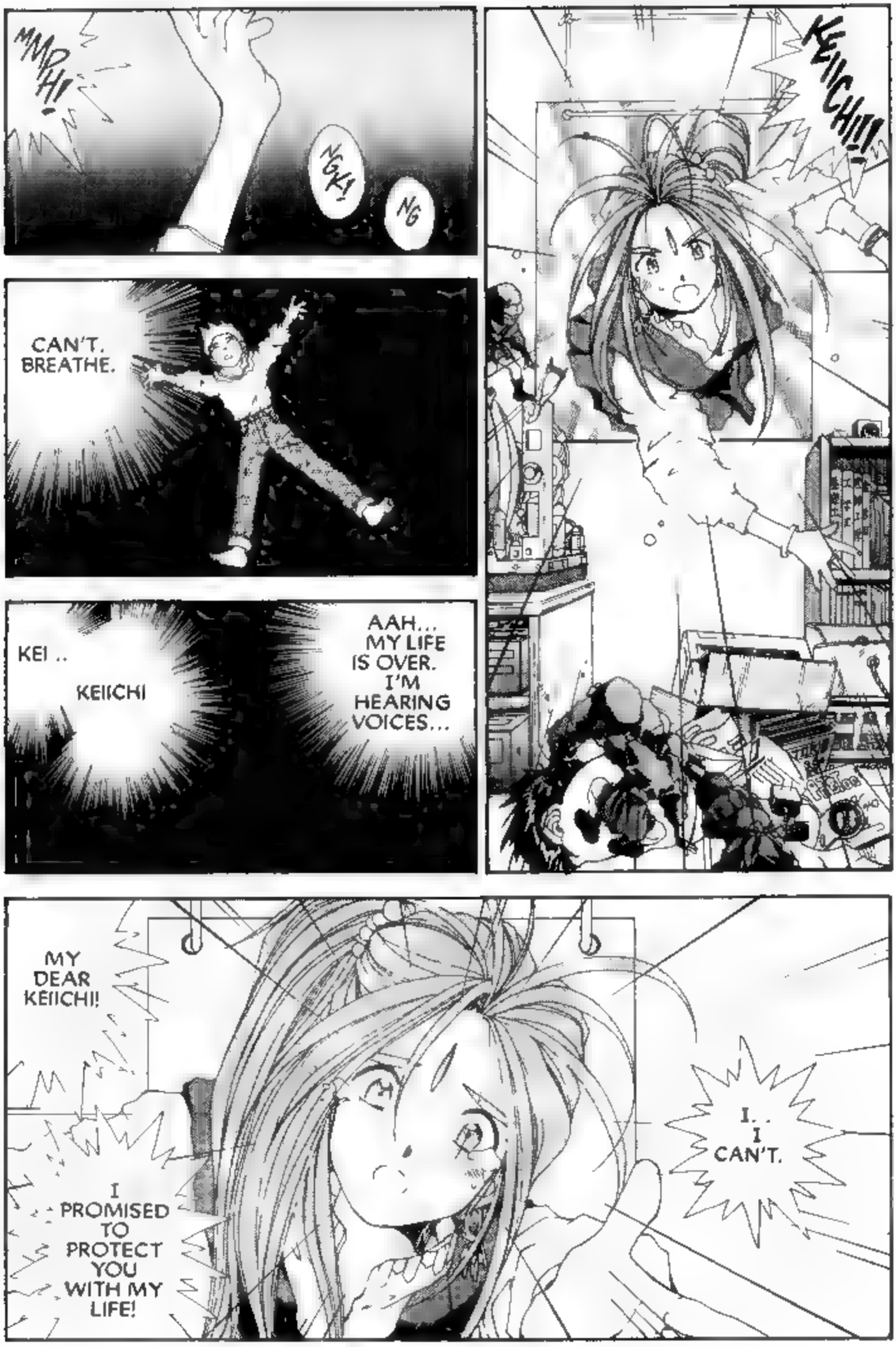
I ABANDONED MY OWN CLAN AND EVEN WORSE...
NO THAT'S NOT SO. I'M A *FAILURE*.
I WAS GOING TO LET YOU KILL ME, HIKARI.
BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED, THE MASTER WILL KILL *YOU*, RIGHT?
KODAMA .. MY DEAR FRIEND .
YOU WOULD DO THAT .. FOR ME?
SO!! IT SEEMS THAT YOU, TOO HAVE FAILED, HIKARI!
AH?! CAN IT BE...?!
YES, IT IS I! *SENRIGAN*, THE PEEPING TOMBOY!
AND I'VE REPORTED EVERYTHING I'VE SEEN HERE TO THE MASTER!
AND HER COMMAND TO ME IS...

LISTEN WELL!
...TERMINATE THEM BOTH!!
IT IS THE MELODY OF YOUR DEATH!
VWHIPP
FTAK
SPLSSH

SKSSH
EEEK!
WH-WHAT ARE THEY?!

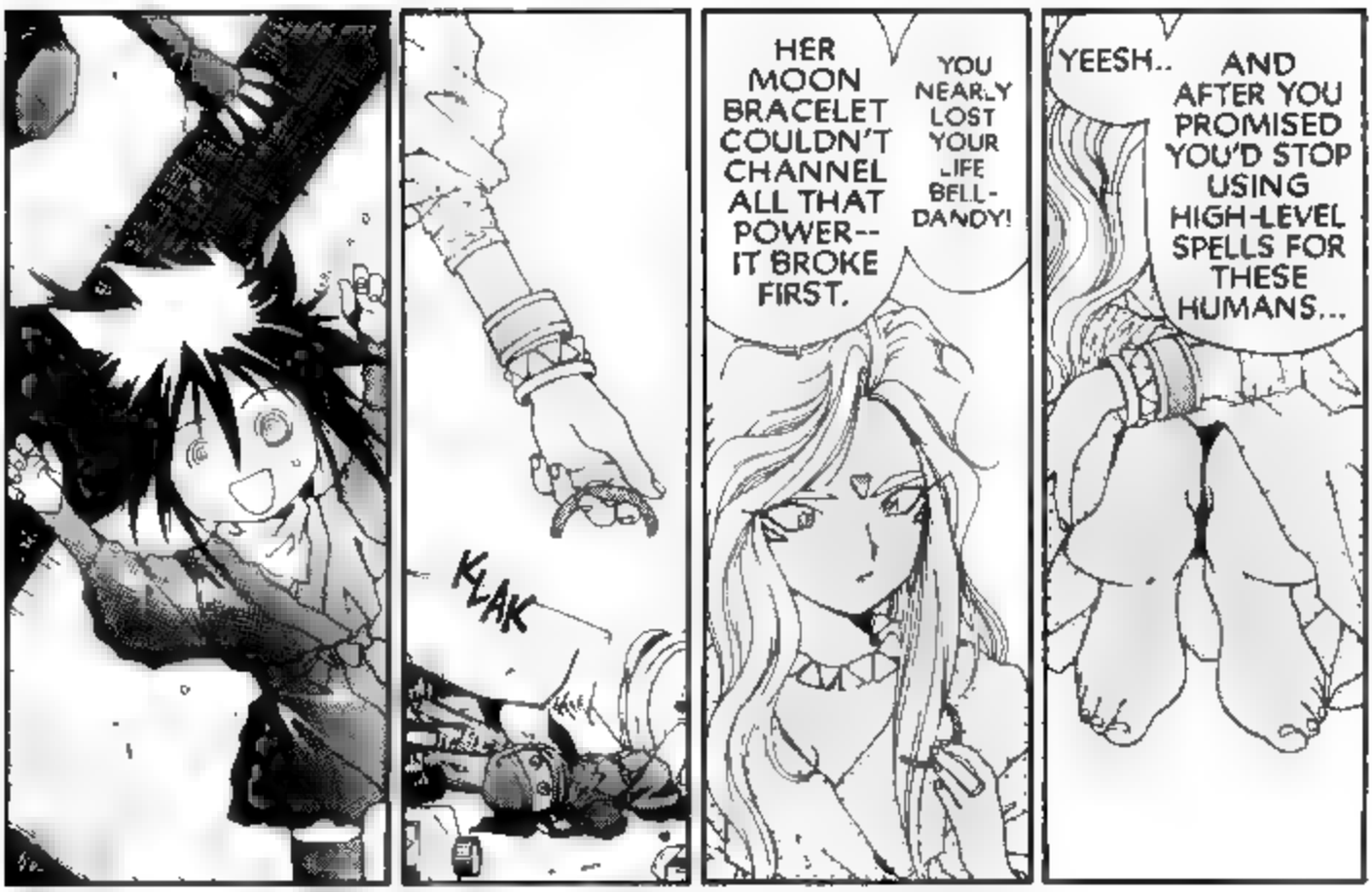
YUCK!
NO!
STOP!
WHUD
EEEK!!

SEE?! I TOLD YOU! IT'S HIKARI, THAT LITTLE RAT!
URD BOLT, STR!--
NO! IF YOU USE A HIGH ENERGY SPELL LIKE THAT, KEIICHI WILL BE KILLED!
!!
GMRPH!
KEIICHI ...!
KEIICHI'S SHOP
SIR KEIICHI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!


MMPH!
NGK!
NG
KEIICHI!!
CAN'T. BREATHE.
KEI ..
KEIICHI
AAH... MY LIFE IS OVER. I'M HEARING VOICES...
MY DEAR KEIICHI!
I PROMISED TO PROTECT YOU WITH MY LIFE!
I.. I CAN'T.

▲ *DENKO GEKISHO*: A LOWER LEVEL SUMMONING SPELL

BUT THAT'S THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL PURIFICATION SPELLS!
BELL-DANDY STOP! IF YOU USE THAT NOW--
YOW!
EEK!
WHRAMM
fff
fff


KLAK
HER MOON BRACELET COULDN'T CHANNEL ALL THAT POWER-- IT BROKE FIRST.
YOU NEARLY LOST YOUR LIFE BELL-DANDY!
YEESH..
AND AFTER YOU PROMISED YOU'D STOP USING HIGH-LEVEL SPELLS FOR THESE HUMANS...

DON'T YOU SLEEP WITH A SMILE ON YOUR FACE, GIRL!
ZZZ
ZZZ

MY DEAR, DEAR SISTER.
ZZZZ
OOG...
UHH...
NOW THEN...
ARE YOU LITTLE IDIOTS PLANNING TO KEEP ON FIGHTING?
WE SHINOBI ARE BOUND ETERNALLY BY THE *LAW OF THE NINJA.*
TO ESCAPE THOSE BONDS, EITHER WE CAN LEAVE THIS MORTAL PLANE FOREVER...

TWO OUTCOMES ONE ANSWER.
OR WE CAN KILL ALL WHO PURSUE US
HMM
BY THE WAY...
.ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT ALL THE NINJA IN YOUR CLAN...
...ARE HERE IN THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW?
HEY!
THAT'S RIGHT, SWEETIE.
OPTION NUMBER THREE IS...
WHAT?!
WHAT?!
H-HOW COULD THEY?!
AARRGH!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME!
MASTER: WE HAVE LEFT THE CLAN.
LOVE, YOUR NINJAS

Together for Never

BOY IT'S REALLY FREEZING TODAY HUM?

THE WARMTH OF BELLDANDY'S SCARF WHEN SHE PUTS IT ON ME...
THERE YOU GO!
...IS THAT THE HEAT OF HER TRUE FEELINGS FOR ME?
I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT YOU TO CATCH COLD!
YOU IDIOT!!
WHEN I THINK THAT.
.. I FEEL SUCH JOY THAT I MET MY LOVELY GODDESS.
OR AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING WHEN...
THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN

HI, GUYS!
BELL-DANDY, GUESS WHAT?!
I'VE LEARNED A NEW POWER!
A NEW... POWER?
YEP!
YOU... CALL THAT
A "NEW POWER" ...?!

JUST *WHAT* IS SO NEW ABOUT *THIS?!*
FOOL

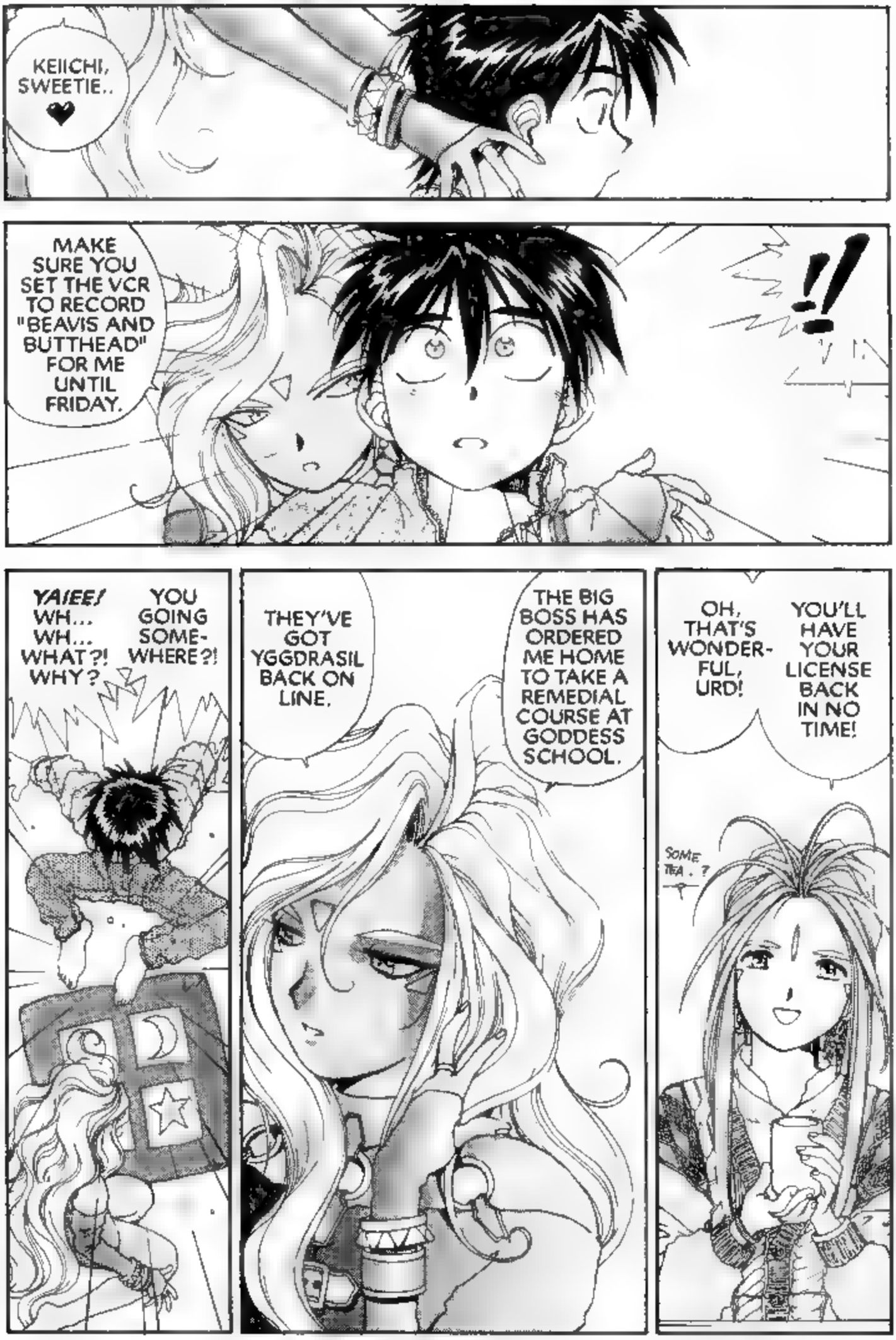
CHECK OUT HOW FANCY IT IS? COOL, HUH?
YOU USED ME AS A GUINEA PIG TO DO *THAT?!*

I CALL DOWN THE URD ULTRA LIGHTNING STRIKE--

STOP IT, *BOTH* OF YOU!
YEESH.
YOU KNOW, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, BELL AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ALONE TOGETHER FOR AGES.

AARGH! IT MUST BE OUR DESTINY NEVER TO BE TOGETHER ALONE EVER AGAIN!

BR♪RIINNGG♪
OR SO I THOUGHT... UNTIL THAT OLD TELEPHONE RANG...
YEAH? WHO IS IT?
HO HO HO URD TRIUMPHS AGAIN!!
BLEAGH!
NEXT TIME I'LL STAMP THEM ALL OVER YOU!
IT IS I...
GACK! IT... IT'S THE CREATOR!
WOW, LOOKS YUMMY!
HEY... WHERE'S URD?
DON'T ASK ME. LAST I SAW, SHE WAS ON THE PHONE.
REALLY...? HOW UNUSUAL I WONDER WHO IT WAS?


KEIICHI, SWEETIE..
MAKE SURE YOU SET THE VCR TO RECORD "BEAVIS AND BUTTHEAD" FOR ME UNTIL FRIDAY.
!!
YAIEE! WH... WH... WHAT?! WHY?
YOU GOING SOME-WHERE?!
THEY'VE GOT YGGDRASIL BACK ON LINE.
THE BIG BOSS HAS ORDERED ME HOME TO TAKE A REMEDIAL COURSE AT GODDESS SCHOOL.
OH, THAT'S WONDER-FUL, URD!
YOU'LL HAVE YOUR LICENSE BACK IN NO TIME!
SOME TEA..?

HAH! THERE'S NOTHING GOOD ABOUT IT!
THEY'LL SHOW ME ALL THESE BORING OLD VIDEOS!
MAKE ME LISTEN TO THEIR DULL OLD LECTURES!
AND I'LL BE LOCKED UP IN A STINKY OLD SPELL SIMULATOR FOR HOURS!!
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU WERE IN MY PLACE, HUH? HUH?!
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING!
SO WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE PUNISH-MENT, TOO, SIS!
YOU BETTER WIPE THAT SMILE OFF YOUR FACE, KID.
YOU'RE GOING BACK, TOO.
WHA-?!
THE CREATOR SAID HE THINKS BEING HERE IS HAVING A GOOD INFLUENCE ON YOU.
HE WANTS YOU TO DO THE PAPERWORK TO GET A PROPER EARTH TRAINING LICENSE.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU GOTTA LEGALIZE THE FUNKY WAY YOU GOT DOWN HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
'COURSE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT IF YOU'RE READY TO GO BACK PERMA-NENTLY...
OUT OF THE BLUE--
--IT'S JUST US TWO!!
I
I'LL DO IT.
PAT PAT
GOOD GIRL!
THERE YOU GO, TREATING ME LIKE A KID AGAIN!
HEY, YOU ARE A KID, REMEM-BER?!
WAIT A SEC... THAT MEANS...
BELL-DANDY, MY DARLING...
KEIICHI, MY LOVE...
THANK YOU, LORD!

KEIICHI!
JUST 'CAUSE YOU TWO ARE ALONE..
DON'T!!
DON'T YOU DARE DO ANY-THING, GET ME?!
AND JUST IN CASE...
I'VE LEFT BANPEI IN A SPECIAL ATTACK MODE.
GIVE HIM MY BEST!
OKAY, OKAY!
ENOUGH ALREADY, SKULD! GO, GO!
URNK!

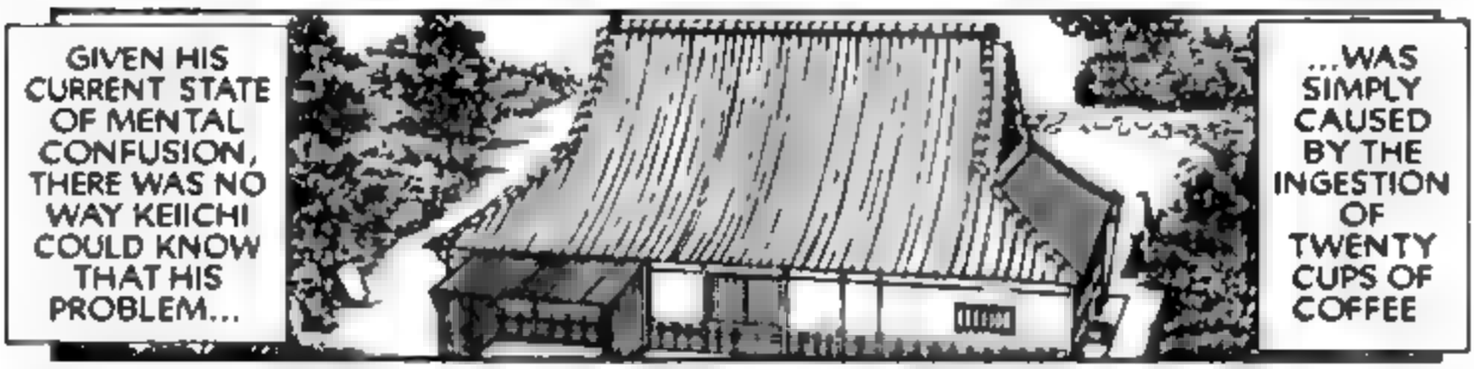
AND THAT..
...IS THAT.
SMAK SMAK
I GUESS I'M OFF, TOO
NOW, KEIICHI... DON'T LET ME DOWN.
BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T EVEN TRY, IT'S *LIGHTNING BOLTS* FOR YOU, BOY!
DAMNED IF I DO, AND DAMNED IF I DON'T..

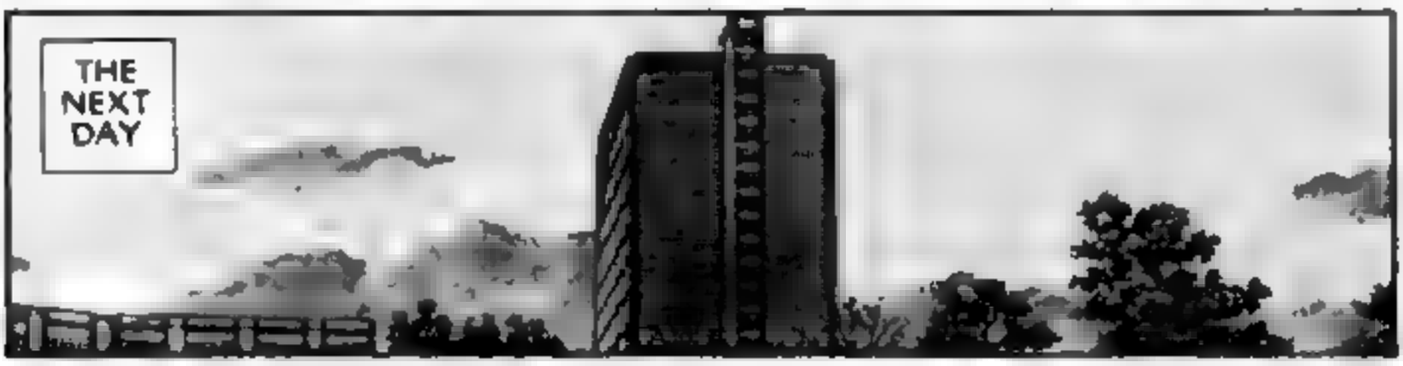
IT'S THE FIFTH ALL AMERICAN PRO WRESTLING DEATH MATCH!!
HOW IS GREASED LIGHTNING LOOKING DAN?
TICK TOCK TICK TOCK
HE LOOKS PRETTY TIRED BOB-- I THINK HE'LL BE EASY MEAT FOR THE DEMON TONIGHT!
THIS IS PATHETIC!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE WERE ALONE..
.WE CAN'T EVEN MAKE CONVER-SATION!

GET A GRIP, MORISATO!! DID YOU WANT TO BE ALONE WITH BELLDANDY JUST SO YOU COULD SIT AND DRINK TWELVE CUPS OF COFFEE?!
NAY! NOT SO!
BAM
BELL-DANDY!
Y-YES?
WE'RE, uh... YOU KNOW.. FINALLY..

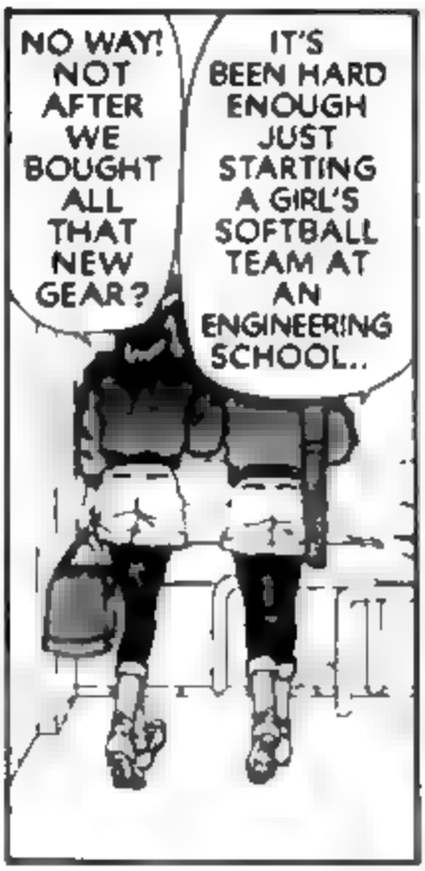
AM ALONE
!!
...!
?
SO UM COULD I HAVE SOME MORE COFFEE?
WELL OF COURSE!
SO... ...G'NIGHT.
GOOD NIGHT, KEIICHI
I
I CAN'T SLEEP
KEIICHI'S SHOP

WHAT'S H-HAPPENING? DON'T TELL ME .
. THE THOUGHT OF BEING ALONE WITH BELLDANDY WON'T EVEN LET ME *SLEEP?*


GIVEN HIS CURRENT STATE OF MENTAL CONFUSION, THERE WAS NO WAY KEIICHI COULD KNOW THAT HIS PROBLEM...
...WAS SIMPLY CAUSED BY THE INGESTION OF TWENTY CUPS OF COFFEE


THE NEXT DAY

GEEZ, IF OUR CLUB DOESN'T GET SOME MORE MEMBERS BY NEXT YEAR, THE CAMPUS IS GONNA AX OUR FUNDING!


NO WAY! NOT AFTER WE BOUGHT ALL THAT NEW GEAR?
IT'S BEEN HARD ENOUGH JUST STARTING A GIRL'S SOFTBALL TEAM AT AN ENGINEERING SCHOOL..

HEY, MEGUMI!

MEGUMI. TONIGHT. YOUR PLACE.
LET ME STAY THERE.
NORMALLY I'D SAY YES, BUT YOU'VE GOT A VERY, *VERY* WEIRD LOOK IN YOUR EYES, KEIICHI.
NO KIDDING!
NO. NO.
IN OTHER WORDS...
AS SOON AS YOU'RE ALONE YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO HER.
RIGHT?
I SEE... *HMPH!*

WAIT A SEC... KEIICHI.. DON'T TELL ME THAT AFTER ALL THIS TIME YOU STILL HAVEN'T... DONE IT?
AW, GEEZ... YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING. .
LOOK .. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW THINGS ARE BETWEEN YOU GUYS.
AND IT'S PROBABLY NOT MY PLACE TO BUTT IN, BUT YOU KNOW...
HUH?!
YOU'RE STILL VIRGINS?
AFTER LIVING TOGETHER FOR YEARS?!
NO WAY!!
KEIICHI, ARE YOU REALLY. . A MAN?
WOW !
COME RIGHT TO THE POINT, DON'T YOU, SIS?
YEAH. SO HAVE YOU?
NO.
...AFTER A CERTAIN POINT, IT'S OKAY TO SHOW YOUR LOVE WITH MORE THAN A SHY SMILE.
OR ANY-WAY...
THAT'S WHAT YOUR LITTLE SISTER THINKS.

AND IF BELLDANDY'S A NORMAL GIRL, SHE'LL BE THINKING IT, TOO.
SO MAKE YOUR MOVE, BRO!
AND SINCE YOU SEEM TO NEED A LITTLE ADVICE...
...DON'T FORGET TO USE A--
AW, MEGUMI! GEEZ//
STILL, SHE'S RIGHT
IF BELLDANDY WAS A NORMAL GIRL...
"IF SHE WAS JUST A GIRL LIKE ALL THOSE OTHER GIRLS..."

NO, BELL-DANDY...
BE STRONG.
BELLDANDY...?
URD WILL BE BACK THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW.
YOU JUST HAVE TO HOLD OUT FOR TWO MORE NIGHTS...
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO HEAR ME...
OH...
I'M SORRY. I WAS... THINKING.
REALLY? YOUR FACE IS KINDA... RED...

OH?!
WHOA!
I'M SORRY. I...I STUMBLED. .
THIS FAINTLY BLUSHING FACE...
THOSE EYES, SO FULL OF LONGING...

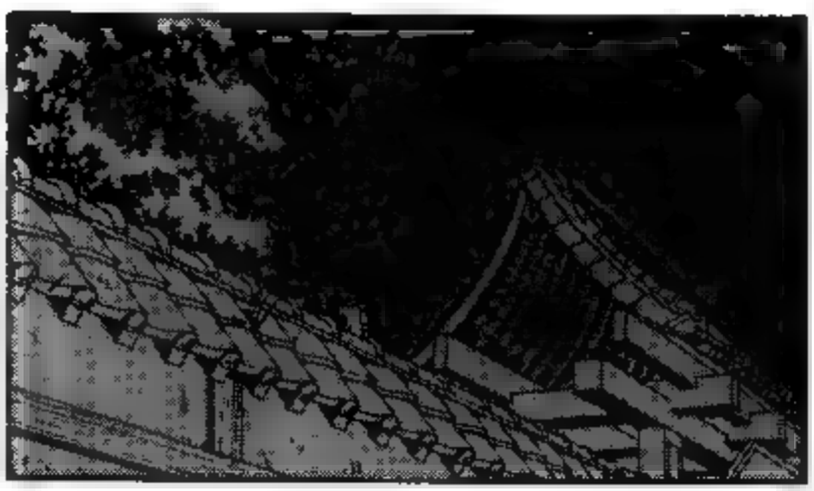
MEGUMI MUST BE RIGHT! BELL-DANDY'S FINALLY READY!
SHE WANTS ME!
COME TO KEIICHI, BELLDANDY!

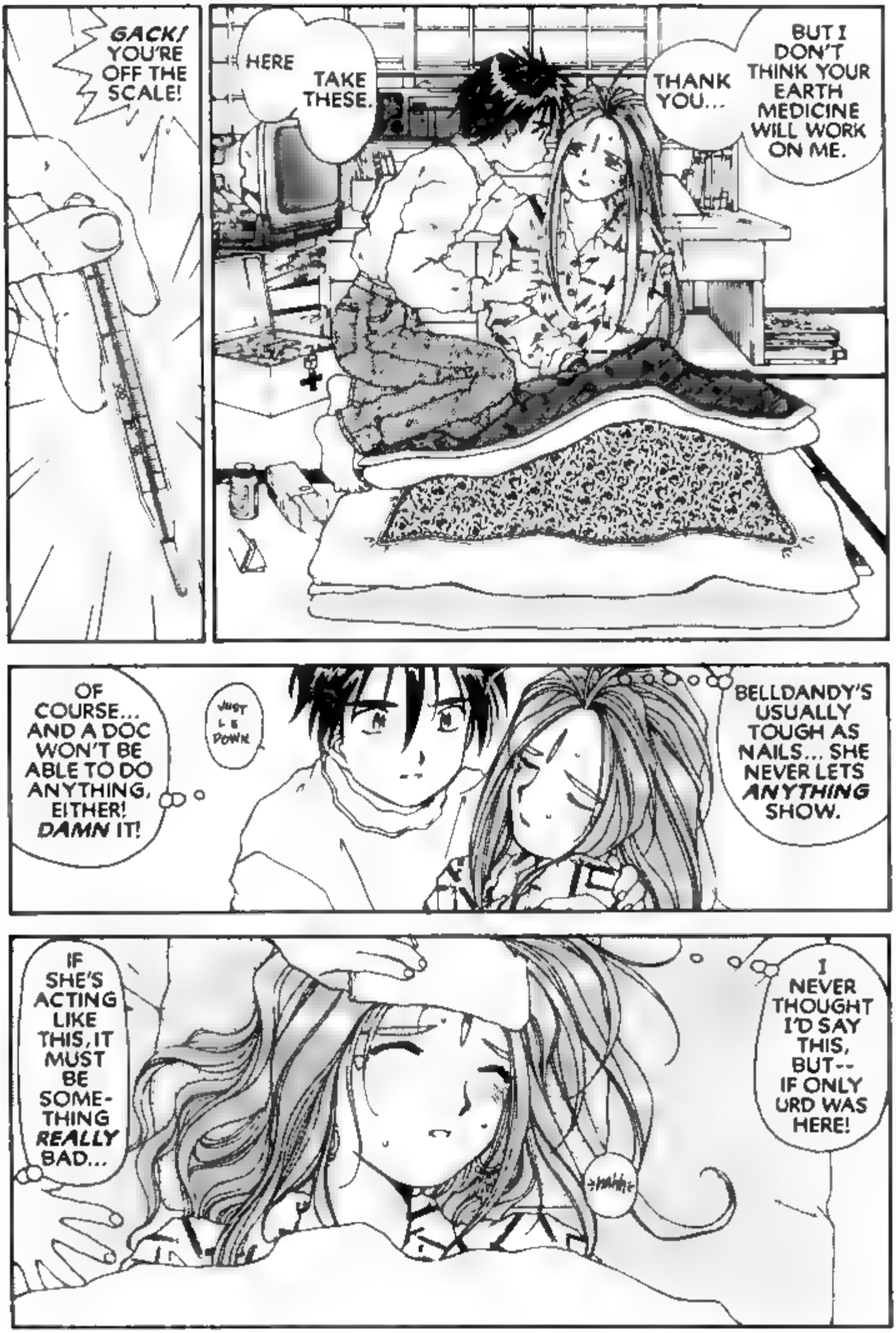
EH?
WHERE ...?

AAH!
BELLDANDY! WHAT--
hahh

I-I'M FINE... I'M JUST... A LITTLE... DIZZY...

YOU ARE NOT FINE!
WE'RE GOING HOME RIGHT NOW!

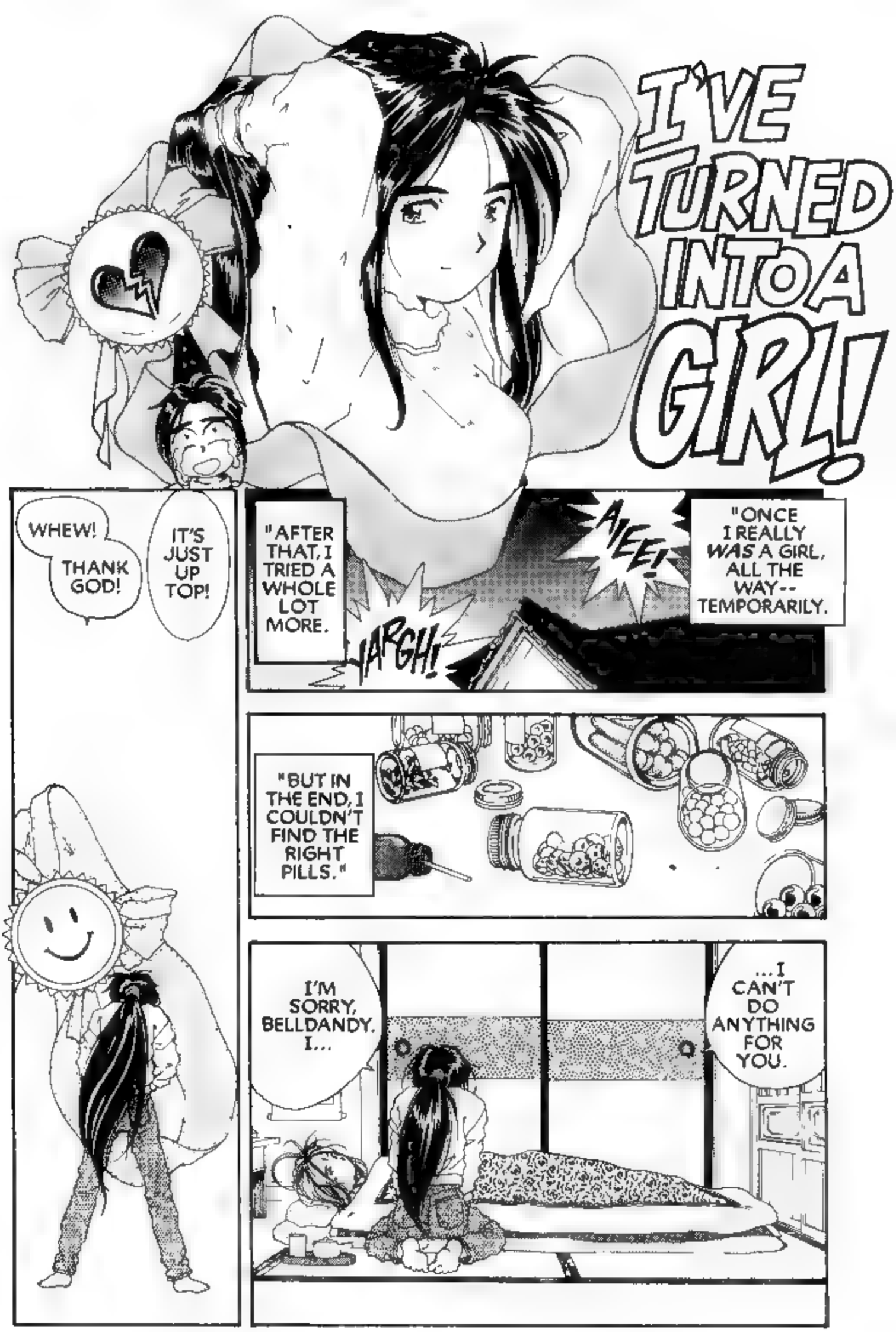



GACK! YOU'RE OFF THE SCALE!
HERE TAKE THESE.
THANK YOU...
BUT I DON'T THINK YOUR EARTH MEDICINE WILL WORK ON ME.
OF COURSE... AND A DOC WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING, EITHER! DAMN IT!
JUST LIE DOWN.
BELLDANDY'S USUALLY TOUGH AS NAILS... SHE NEVER LETS ANYTHING SHOW.
IF SHE'S ACTING LIKE THIS, IT MUST BE SOME-THING REALLY BAD...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS, BUT-- IF ONLY URD WAS HERE!

URD! OF COURSE!
SHE'S GOT A WHOLE ROOM FULL OF MEDICINE!
URD'S CASTLE
...
WHAT IS THIS?
SOME KIND OF CODE?
URD, YOU DEVIL... YOU DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE USING YOUR STUFF.
OF COURSE YOU'D USE A CODE OR SOMETHING.
"AM I WORRIED SOMEONE WILL USE MY MEDICINES? NOT A CHANCE! HEH, HEH!"
I DON'T SUPPOSE... ANY OF THEM WOULD ACTUALLY BE... POISONOUS?
I HOPE

WELL, I'M NOT TRYING THEM ON BELLDANDY!
GULP
....!
whew
I GUESS I'M OKAY ..
ZONGG
URK!!
MY HEAD!
MY HEAD'S INCREDIBLY--
ITCHY!
YAIEEE!
hahh
hahh
WHOA ...?!

WHAT KIND OF MEDICINE WAS *THAT?!*
AH, WELL... YOU CAN ALWAYS CUT OFF HAIR.
AND NOW, NUMBER TWO.
GO FOR IT!
DOWN THE HATCH..
AIEE!!
OH, NO...
IT... IT *CAN'T* BE...
BUT THESE... THESE...
BOINGG


I'VE TURNED INTO A GIRL!
"ONCE I REALLY WAS A GIRL, ALL THE WAY-- TEMPORARILY.
AIEE!
"AFTER THAT, I TRIED A WHOLE LOT MORE.
ARGH!
"BUT IN THE END, I COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT PILLS."
I'M SORRY, BELLDANDY. I...
...I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.
WHEW! THANK GOD!
IT'S JUST UP TOP!

I GUESS MY FEELINGS ALONE...
JUST AREN'T GOOD FOR ANY-THING.
TH... THAT'S NOT TRUE.
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE, YOU CAN NEVER BEGIN TO LOVE.
AFTER ALL...
THE HEART IS THE WELLSPRING OF ALL THINGS.

AND KEIICHI. .
YOUR FEELINGS...
THEY DO COMFORT ME.
YOU'RE NOT. .
POWER .
LESS
!!
SHKK
TIK TIK TIK TIK
HELLO, STUDIO MORNING GLORY...
OH, I'M SORRY. WRONG NUMBER...
ching
SHKK TIK TIK
SHKK TIK

PLEASE. PLEASE PUT ME THROUGH!
HI. WE CAN'T COME TO THE PHONE--
I DON'T CARE IF I USE MY LIFETIME OF LUCK ON THIS SINGLE TASK
HELLO, ARTER AND HADDEN--
THE TIME AT THE TONE WILL BE--
THE NUMBER YOU HAVE REACHED--
HI STEREO PLUS--
YA HOO!
YOU'VE REACHED 1-900-GODDESS.
...WHERE HOT TALK IS JUST $4.99 A MINUTE. JUST STAY ON--
DAMN IT! IS THIS ALL THE LUCK I HAVE.?
PACIFIC COAST BREWERY... OUR HOURS ARE--
YO, GAIJIN STUDIOS--
HELLO, THERE!
YOU'VE REACHED THE GODDESS TECHNICAL HELP LINE--

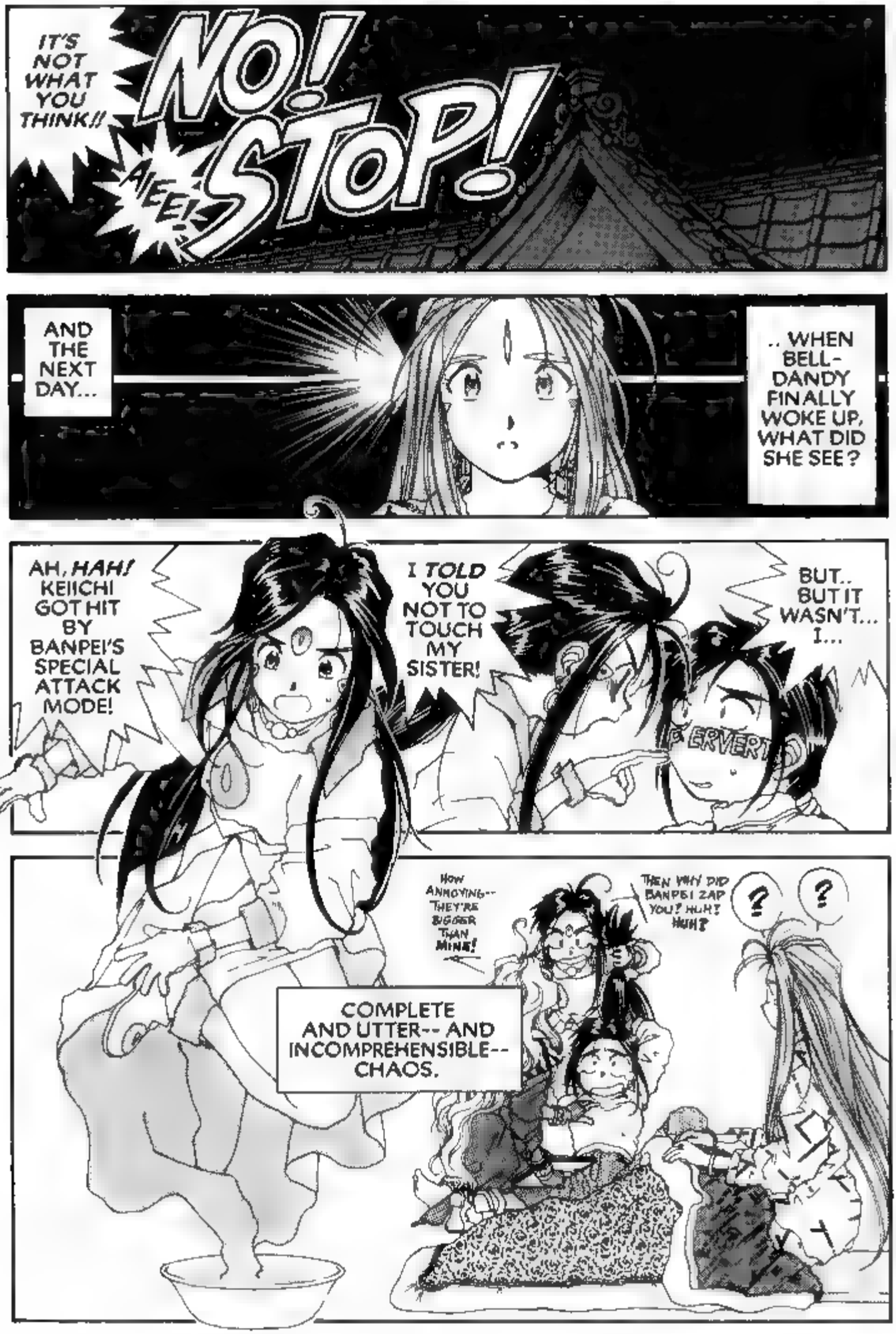
URD ? IS THAT YOU, URD?!
OH, THANK GOD I GOT YOU!
?!
KEIICHI?!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS HOW IN THE HECK...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CALLING THIS NUMBER?! YOU'RE GONNA GET US BOTH IN TROUBLE!!
CAN YOU BELIEVE THEY HAVE ME WORKING THE SWITCHBOARD IN MY OFF TIME?
BUT HEY, I WAS BORED ANYWAY!
URD, WILL YOU SHUT UP FOR A SECOND?! BELL-DANDY'S IN TROUBLE!
HMM... IT MUST BE A REACTION TO THAT HIGH-LEVEL SPELL SHE USED ON THOSE NINJA.
THIS COULD BE BAD, KEIICHI.

OKAY, LISTEN UP. I'LL TEACH YOU THE CURE.
FIRST ONE PART EACH OF
AND
NEXT, MIX A RATIO OF 2:3:1.5 OF
THEN USE A MATCH FLAME... GOT THAT? A SINGLE WOODEN MATCH, OKAY?
MELT THE MIXTURE, AND PUT IT IN A CAPSULE...
WAIT A SEC! WHEN I TRIED
ALL OF A SUDDEN I GREW A BUNCH OF HAIR!
AND
GAVE ME, uh, BREASTS...
YOU TOOK THEM WITHOUT PROCESSING? YOU GOT WHAT YOU DESERVED, YOU KNUCKLE-HEAD!
YOU HAVE TO GET THE RATIOS RIGHT...
AND PROCESS THEM PERFECTLY!
DID YOU GET ALL THAT? THAT SHOULD HOLD HER UNTIL I GET BACK.
HELLO? HELLO...?
HEY! KEIICHI ..!!

KCHAK
AH, WELL. I GUESS HE'LL BE OKAY.
STILL, WHAT AN AMAZING GUY.
HE MUST BE THE FIRST PERSON WHO EVER *TRIED* CALLING HERE WHO ACTUALLY GOT THROUGH...
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHO WAS THAT?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR NEVER-MIND.
RUN ALONG AND GET YOUR LICENSE CHANGED, KID
YOU'RE TRYING TO GET RID OF ME AGAIN! I *HATE* THAT!!
GEE, WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT WOULD DO THAT TO HUMANS?
I BETTER MAKE A NOTE OF IT
STOP IGNORING ME!

BELL-DANDY ?
LOOK-- I'VE GOT SOME NICE MEDICINE FOR YOU..
OH, NO! NOW SHE'S FAINTED!
I'M SORRY, BELLDANDY, BUT I'VE GOT TO GET THIS INTO YOU SOME-HOW
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

AH! THAT HOLY LIGHT!!
THAT MUST MEAN SHE'S GOING TO BE OKAY!
WHEE!
AW C'MON BANFE... PLEASE??


IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!!
NO!
AIEE!
STOP!
AND THE NEXT DAY...
.. WHEN BELL-DANDY FINALLY WOKE UP, WHAT DID SHE SEE?
AH, HAH! KEIICHI GOT HIT BY BANPEI'S SPECIAL ATTACK MODE!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TOUCH MY SISTER!
BUT.. BUT IT WASN'T... I...
PERVERT
COMPLETE AND UTTER-- AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE-- CHAOS.
HOW ANNOYING-- THEY'RE BIGGER THAN MINE!
THEN WHY DID BANPEI ZAP YOU? HUH? HUH?
?
?

KOSUKE FUJISHIMA

Oh My Goddess!

ああっ女神さまっ

Miss Keiichi

I'M SORRY KEIICHI
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF ME
WHY? BECAUSE YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE HOUSE IF YOU DON'T
THAT'S WHY
BUT YOU REALLY DON'T LOOK TOO BAD!
YEAH MAYBE, BUT
COULDN'T I HAVE JUST COVERED THEM UP REAL GOOD AND SKIPPED THIS "DRESS-UP" STUFF?
WHY, YES!
UM ER GEE I WONDER WHERE THAT TROUBLE MAKER URD HAS GOTTEN TO. ?
SKULD! YOU WERE JUST PLAYING WITH ME!
WHO, ME?

MMM... PLUM BLOSSOMS. THEY REMIND ME OF...
Jealous Love

THE PLUM TREE SPIR T
WHY DO I STILL REMEMBER HIM AFTER ALL THIS TIME ?
I MEAN THE FOOL *JILTED* ME!
MAYBE T WAS THAT RUMOR
THE ONE I HEARD BACK HOME
THEY SAID HE MIGHT COME TO EARTH TO FIND ME

HAH! SO WHAT?!
I'M GLAD HE DUMPED ME THE JERK!
WHICH REMINDS ME
I WONDER HOW KEI-CHI'S DOING ?
3 months!

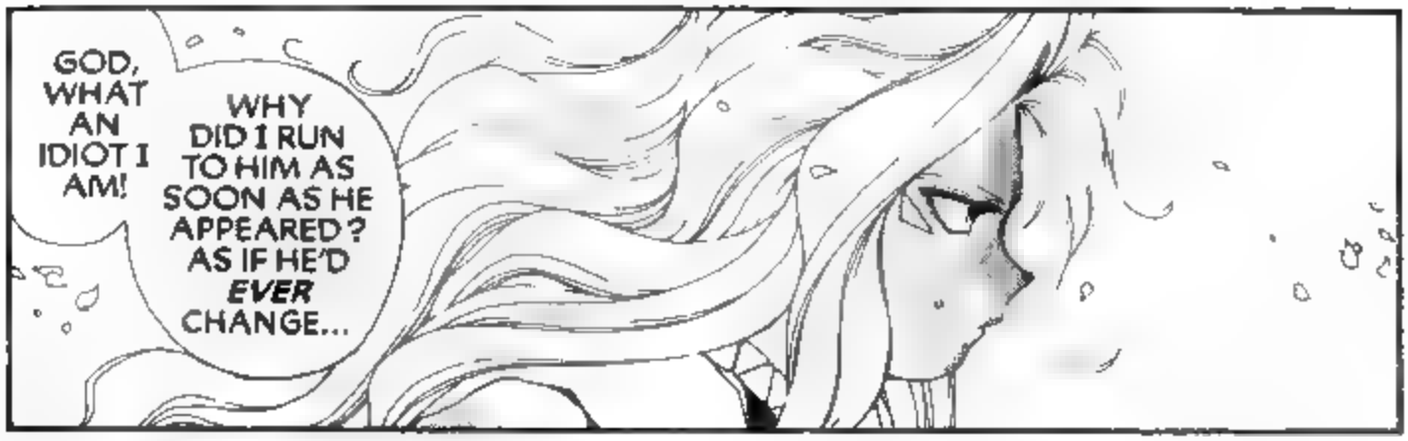
DON'T LAUGH.
IT'S NOT THAT FUNNY.
C'MON-- IT WAS YOUR STUPID MEDICINE THAT DID THIS TO ME!
YOU LOOK GOOD! TOO GOOD!
YEAH, SURE! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WENT INTO MY ROOM AND TOOK STUFF WITHOUT MY PERMISSION OR ANYTHING, HUH?!
WELL UH YOU'VE GOT A PO NT THERE
ninghe
DON'T TELL ME...
BWA HA HA HA HA! IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO, SKULD?!
M-MAYBE... I... I'LL BE THIS WAY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...?
I'M SORRY, KEIICHI. I CAN'T REVERSE URD'S MEDICINE.
SHE USES A DIFFERENT SCHOOL OF MAGIC.

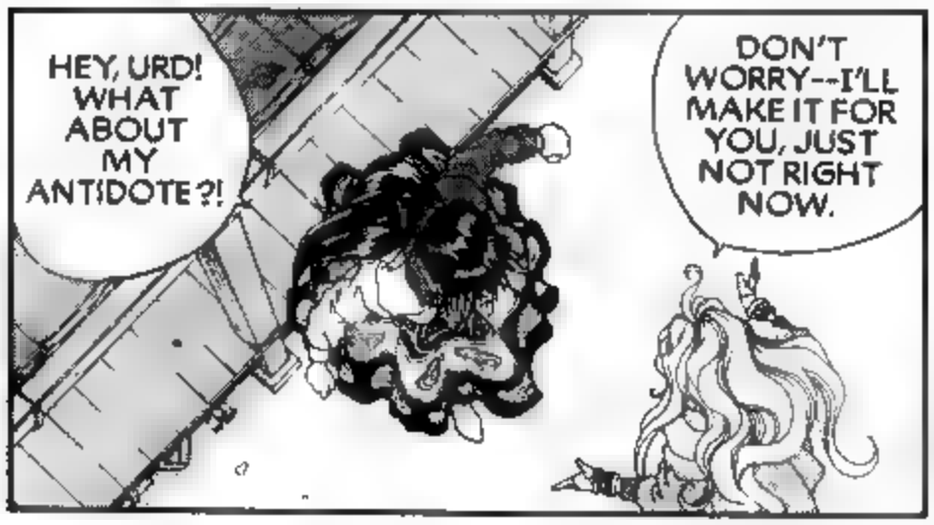
COME ON, PAL DON'T SWEAT IT!
IF THERE'S AN ANTIDOTE, SUPER-DRUGGIST URD WILL FIND IT!
THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU GULPED DOWN SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS.
SO IT'S TAKING ME SOME TIME TO DECODE THE SPELLS...
HUH...?
THIS BLIZZARD OF PLUM FLOWER PETALS...
IT REMINDS ME OF..
!!
NO... NO, IT CAN'T BE!
I MEAN, NO WAY!
BUT.
...BUT IT HAS TO BE!

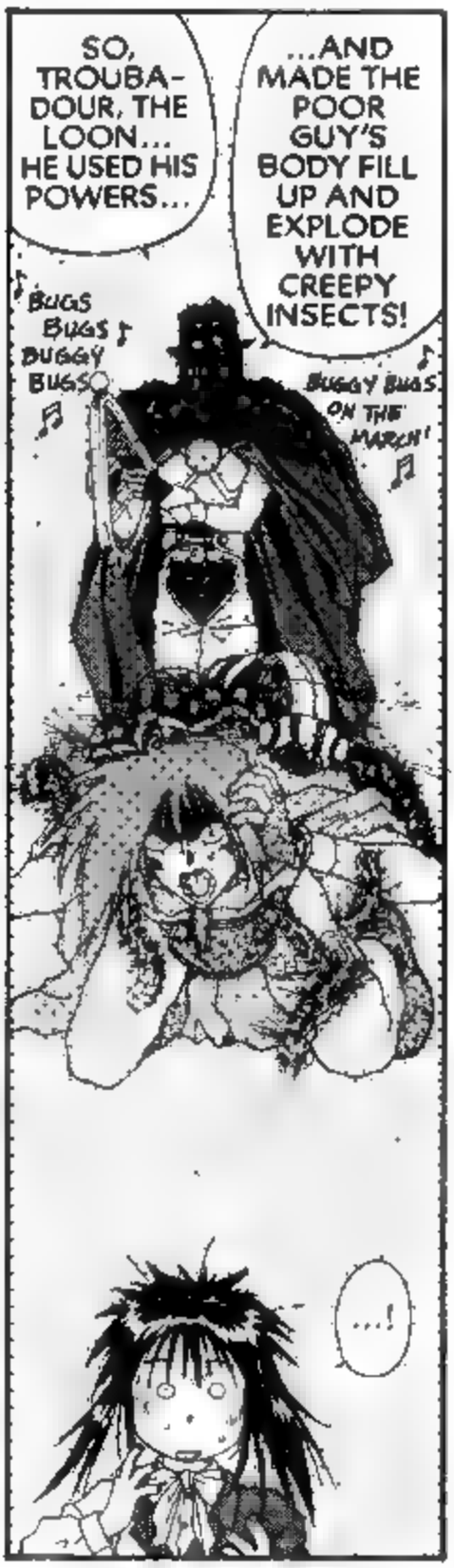
THE SPIRIT OF THE PLUM TREE...
TROUBADOUR!

I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU...
.URD
W-WHO IS *THAT?!*
IT'S THE PLUM TREE SPIRIT... URD'S OLD LOVE.
I AM HERE...
TO ONCE AGAIN SHARE MY LOVE WITH YOU.
THAT IS WHY I HAVE COME TO THIS DISTANT AND BLEAK DIMENSION..
BUT WHY WOULD HE SHOW UP NOW, AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
HE WAS THE ONE WHO BROKE UP WITH *HER.*

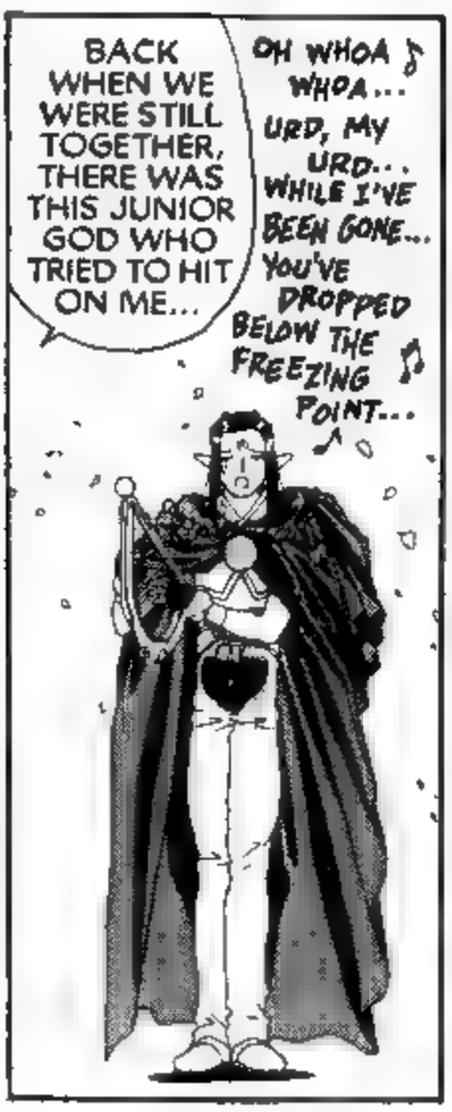
YOU DON'T SUPPOSE HE'S GOING TO TRY TO RESTART THINGS AND TAKE HER AWAY, IS HE?
TH... THEN WHAT ABOUT MY ANTIDOTE?!
?
PLEASE... JUST GO AWAY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD ACHIEVE BY SHOWING UP HERE.
BUT, SORRY-- FORGET IT. I'M NOT THAT DESPERATE.
NO WAY I'M GOING TO GO CRAWLING BACK TO SOMEONE WHO REJECTED ME ONCE ALREADY.
WHY OHHH WHY?! WHY?!
WHAT PART OF MY HEART DOES SHE HATE, MY HONEY BABY?!
TWANGG BLANGG
THAT PART-- YOUR LOUSY SONGS!


GOD, WHAT AN IDIOT I AM!
WHY DID I RUN TO HIM AS SOON AS HE APPEARED? AS IF HE'D *EVER* CHANGE...


HEY, URD! WHAT ABOUT MY ANTIDOTE?!
DON'T WORRY--I'LL MAKE IT FOR YOU, JUST NOT RIGHT NOW.


SO, TROUBA-DOUR, THE LOON... HE USED HIS POWERS...
...AND MADE THE POOR GUY'S BODY FILL UP AND EXPLODE WITH CREEPY INSECTS!
♪ BUGS BUGS BUGGY BUGS ♪
♪ BUGGY BUGS ON THE MARCH! ♪
...!

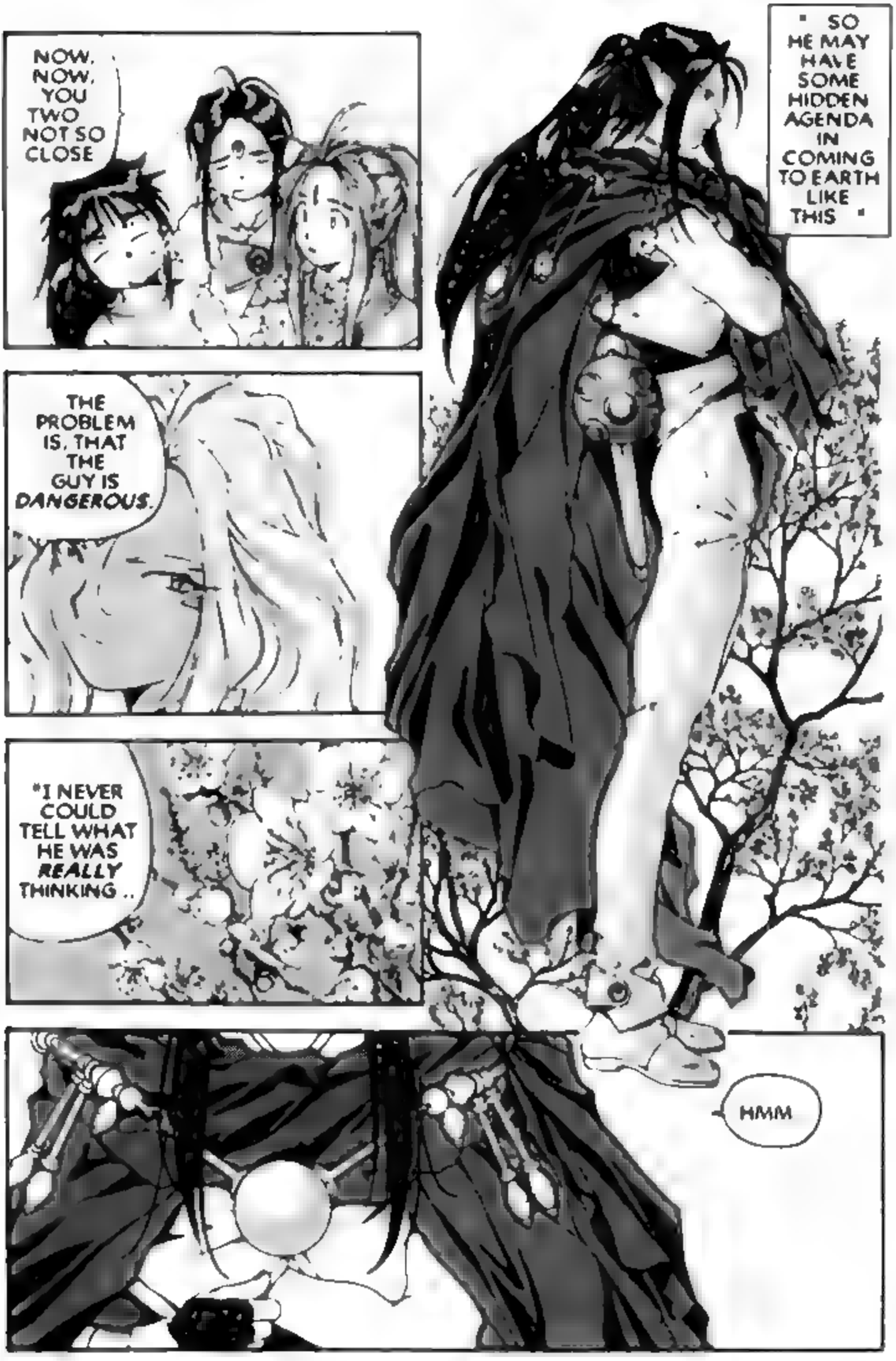
B-BUT... WHY *NOT?!*
BECAUSE THAT BIG GOON IS *INCREDIBLY* JEALOUS, THAT'S WHY.


BACK WHEN WE WERE STILL TOGETHER, THERE WAS THIS JUNIOR GOD WHO TRIED TO HIT ON ME...
♪ OH WHOA WHOA... URD, MY URD... WHILE I'VE BEEN GONE... YOU'VE DROPPED BELOW THE FREEZING POINT... ♪

IF HE FOUND OUT THERE WAS A MAN LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOF WITH ME...
DOOM DA-DOOM-DOOM!
COME TO THINK OF IT, URD.. I HEARD A RUMOR YOU'RE LIVING WITH SOME GUY
YES.. NOW I SEE IT! IT'S HIM! HE STOLE YOUR LOVE FOR ME!
HEY!
HELLO?
AW, C'MON! AN-OTHER MAN? WHERE?
AIN'T NOBODY HERE BUT US GIRLS!
SEE?
TEE HEE!
ACTUALLY, IT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME SINCE I GOT HERE.
THAT... "GIRL"... NEXT TO YOU-- THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY. .

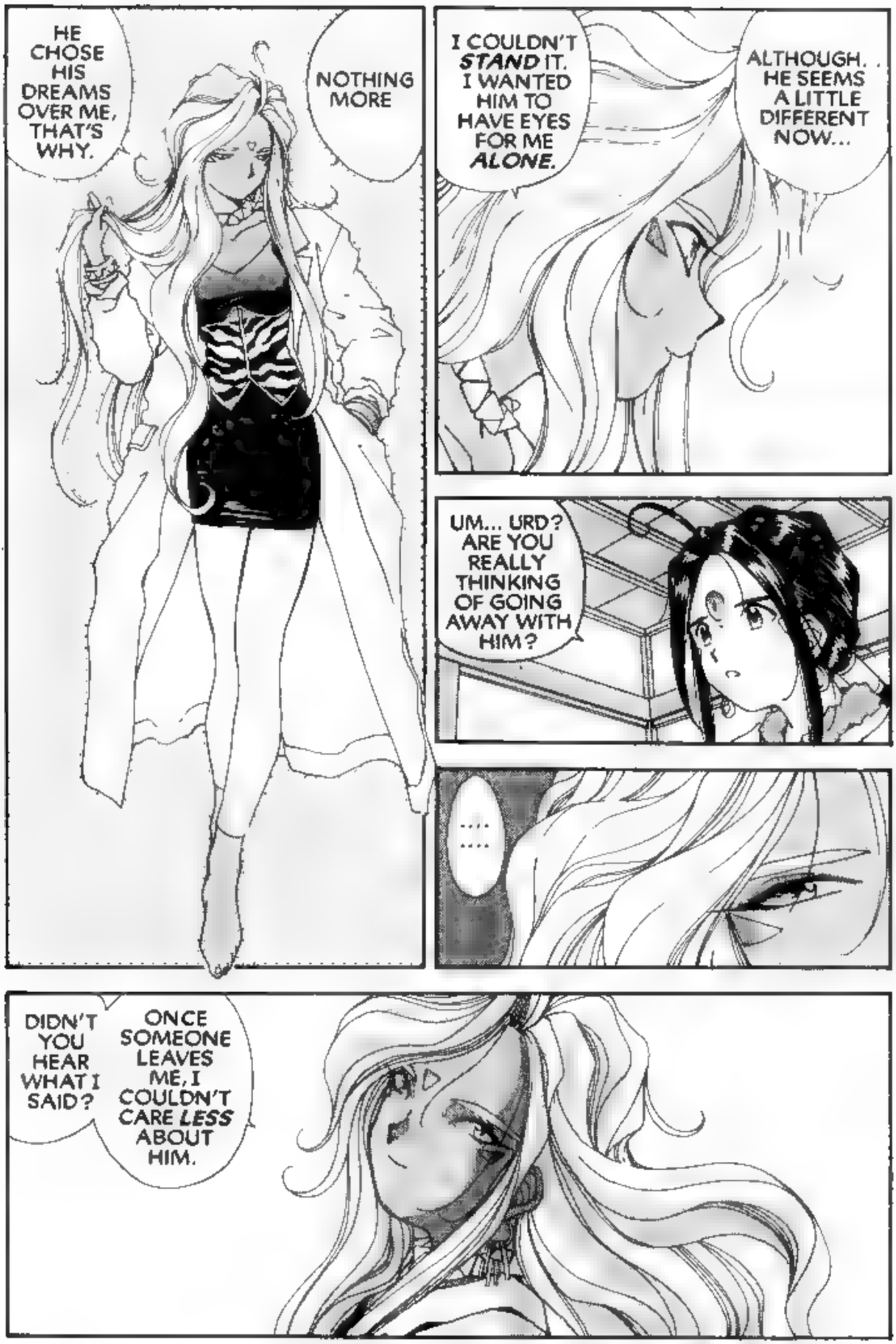
YOU REALLY ARE THE SUSPICIOUS ONE, AREN'T YOU TROUBADOR!
SCUSE ME KID!
HUH?
SHRIK!
CHECK 'EM OUT, BIG BOY! YOU STILL THINK THIS IS A GUY?!
...
EMBARASSED, BUT STILL THINKS SOMETHING'S NOT QUITE RIGHT

WELL, ALL RIGHT THEN. SO, IF THERE'S NO MAN IN YOUR LIFE...
...THEN THERE'S NOTHING TO STAND BETWEEN US!
OH, LOVELY URD! ♪ MY LIFE IS YOUR LIFE... ♪
AW, C MON. TROUB LET'S NOT AND SAY WE D.D. OKAY?
NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE, URD!
HE'S DECIDED TO STAY!
YOU ONLY MADE THINGS WORSE!
KEIICHI'S SHOP
THEN I GUESS... I HAVE TO STAY LIKE THIS UNTIL HE LEAVES, HUH?
I MEAN... I DON'T WANT B-BUGS CRAWLING OUT OF MY BODY.
DON'T YOU WORRY--I ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT LET HIM DO THAT TO YOU!


NOW, NOW, YOU TWO NOT SO CLOSE
THE PROBLEM IS, THAT THE GUY IS DANGEROUS.
"I NEVER COULD TELL WHAT HE WAS REALLY THINKING ..
" SO HE MAY HAVE SOME HIDDEN AGENDA IN COMING TO EARTH LIKE THIS "
HMM

THE SONG TO SUMMON THE MELODIOUS NIGHTINGALE! THE SCROLL OF GOLDEN VERSE!
MY LIFE-LONG DREAM RESTS NOW IN THE PALM OF MY HAND...
IT WAITS BEYOND THIS FINAL SEAL, AWAITS ITS MOMENT TO SPRING TO LIFE!
WAITING TO AWAKE...
...WHEN TOUCHED BY A GODDESS'S TEARS OF LOVE!

URD'S CASTLE
HIS LYRICS ARE DUMB, BUT HE SURE CAN PLAY THAT THING!
HEY, SIS... SO, LIKE-- WHY'D YOU GUYS BREAK UP, ANYWAY?
NONE OF YOUR BEESWAX. JUST HURRY UP AND FIX MY TV!
AW, COME ON! WHY?
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME, I WON'T FIX YOUR DUMB TV!
YOU GOSSIP-HUNGRY LITTLE


HE CHOSE HIS DREAMS OVER ME, THAT'S WHY.
NOTHING MORE
I COULDN'T *STAND* IT. I WANTED HIM TO HAVE EYES FOR ME *ALONE.*
ALTHOUGH. . HE SEEMS A LITTLE DIFFERENT NOW...
UM... URD? ARE YOU REALLY THINKING OF GOING AWAY WITH HIM?
....
....
DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID?
ONCE SOMEONE LEAVES ME, I COULDN'T CARE *LESS* ABOUT HIM.

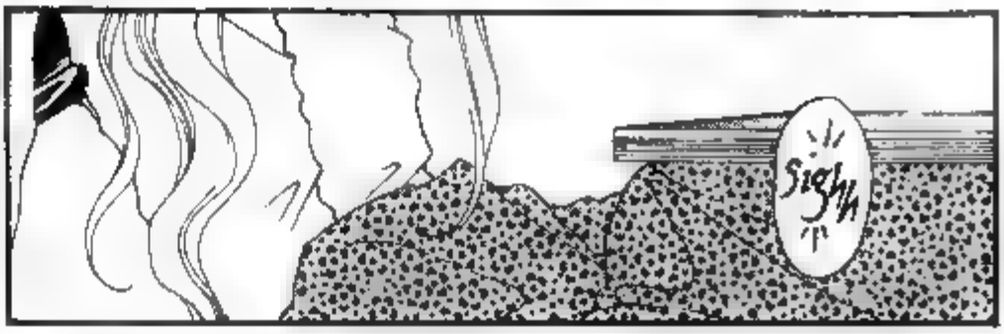
GEEZ, WHAT A PAIN. IT'S TOO BAD I COULDN'T GET RID OF HIM FOR GOOD.
THERE. JUST LIKE NEW
THERE WAS A COLD SOLDER JOINT ON THIS RESISTOR. THAT'S ALL.
YER A GENIUS, KID!
THANK GOD... JUST IN TIME FOR "GIANT BATTLER X".
KLIK
YEAH.. I GUESS SO.

OHHHH! ♪ URD, MY URD! WHY WON'T ♫ YOU TURN YOUR EYES TOWARD MEEE!
SPRANG

TWANG
OHHH!
UH OH?

HO HO HO. THANK YOU FOR THE LOVELY SONG
FZZKK
AND I JUST FIXED IT...

NOW I'M GONNA MISS MY FAVORITE TV SHOW!
TWANG
FORGIVE ME, FOR LOVE IS MYYYY ONLY CRIME!
DON'T TRY TO SING YOUR WAY OUT OF IT!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WHAT'S WRONG, URD?
NOTHING.
...JUST TROUBADOUR.

TWANGG
OHHHH, I AM YOUR PRISONER OF LOVE!
THE FLAMES OF LOVE!
BURNING, BURNING!!
BATH IN USE
MAN, WHAT A PAIN...!

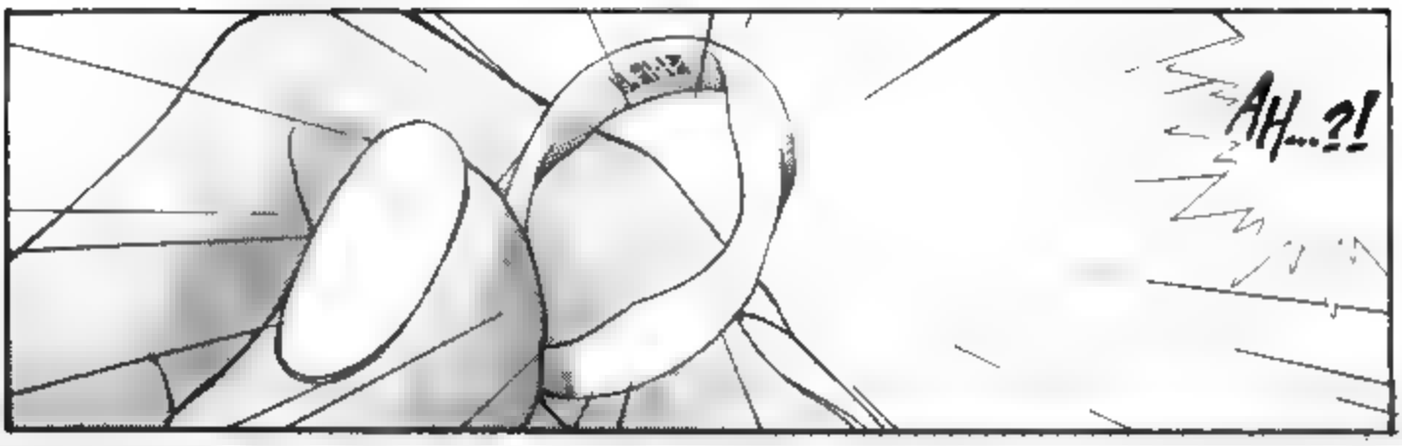
I SURE DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO BE SO DAMN *PERSISTENT*.
BUT I DON'T THINK EVEN *HE* WOULD DARE BOTHER ME HERE.
...!
WHOA... I'VE GOT A *REALLY* BAD FEELING!
SOME-THING'S TELLING ME NOT TO TAKE MY BATH NOW.
LATER!
HUH? IS URD FINISHED ALREADY?

EFT
I MAY AS WELL TAKE MINE RIGHT NOW, THEN.
MAN...
THEY'RE, LIKE...
YOU KNOW...
...REALLY BIG.
...!
!!
GEEZ! WHAT AM I DOING, GETTING TURNED ON BY MY OWN BREASTS?!
KLIK KCHAK
AHH... HERE SHE COMES!

TWANGG
OHHHH! TRUE LOVE HAS NO SEEE--
!!
...
--CRETS?!
WHY...
YOU...

SO!! IT WAS YOU!
YOU AND URD HAVE BEEN-- AARGH!!
YOU SNEAKY, TREACHEROUS, SWINE!!
NO! WAIT! YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!
THE FACT THAT YOU TRIED TO DISGUISE YOURSELF IS ALL THE PROOF I NEED!
WHEN THIS SONG REACHES ITS END, SO WILL YOU!
BUGS, BUGS BUGGY BUGS!
NO! DON'T!!
KEIICHI!

AIEEE!
BUGGY ♪ BUGS ON THE MARCH...
STOP IT!
♪ BUGGY BUGS... ♪
IF YOU DON'T, I'LL..!
FZZAK
KRAK
ACK
LAY OFF, JERK!
TINGG
SHRINGGG
?
WHAT IS... THIS?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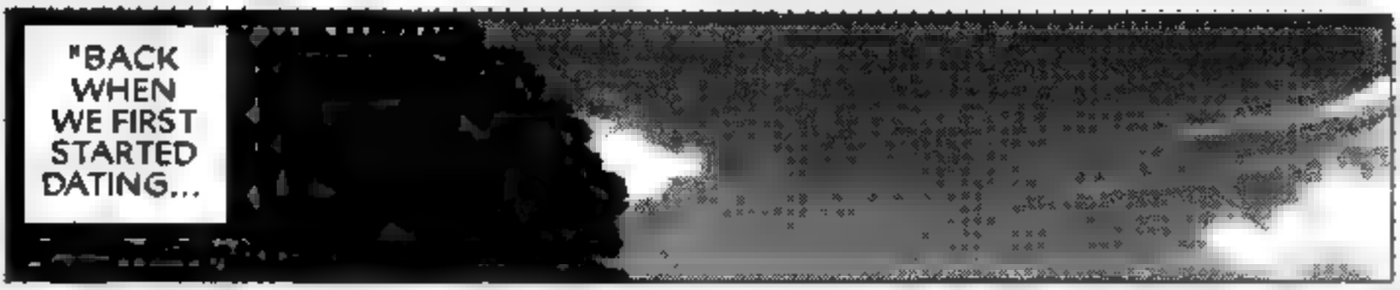
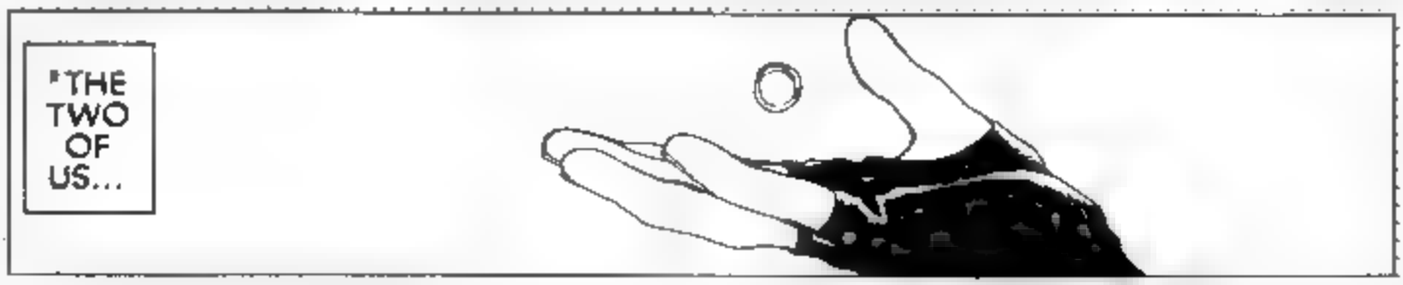
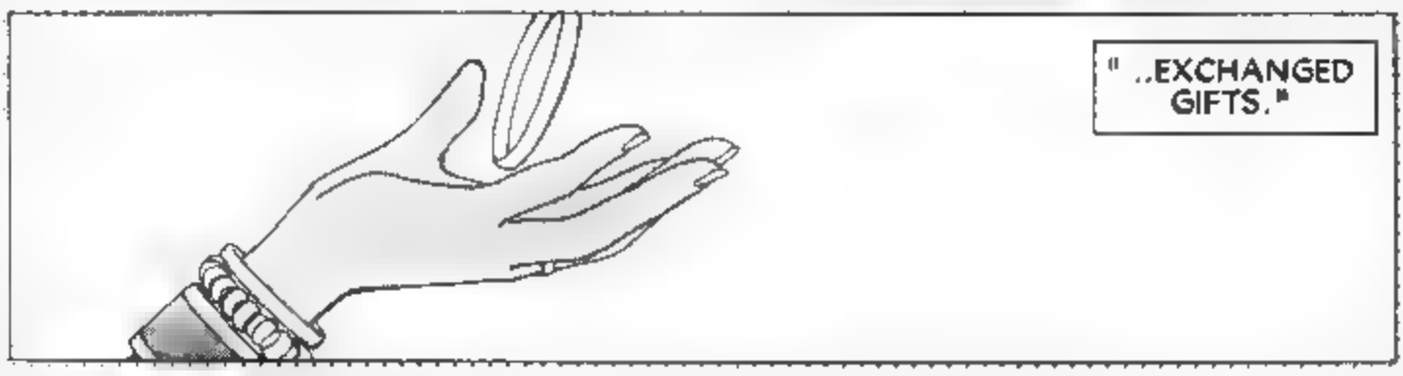

"BACK WHEN WE FIRST STARTED DATING...


"THE TWO OF US...


" ..EXCHANGED GIFTS."

YOU STILL HAVE IT?
THIS SILLY THING ...?
YEAH... SORRY.
YOU... YOU SHOULD BE.
THAT'S B- BREAKING THE RULES...

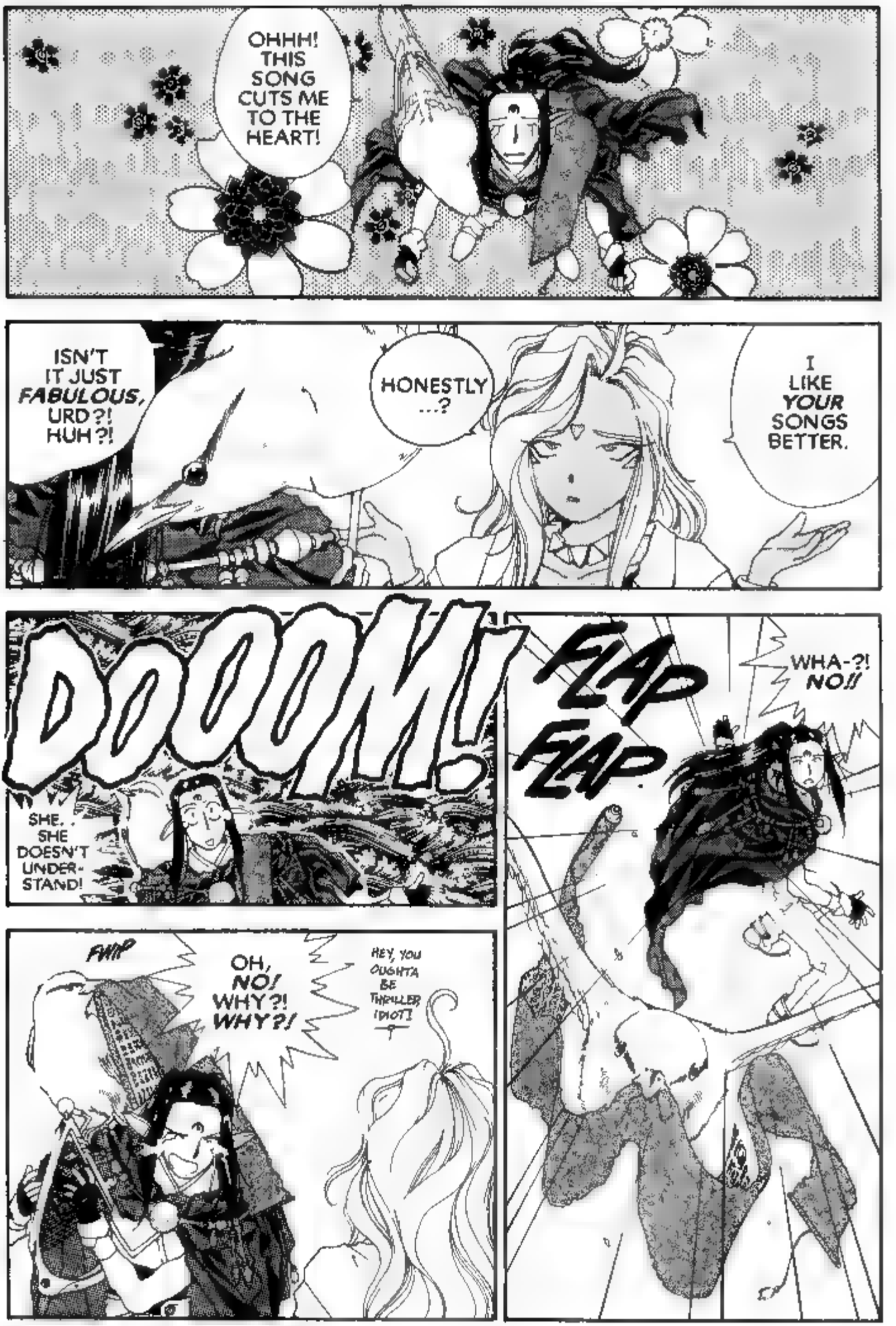
!!
HAH!!
SPLSH
FSSSHH
I DID IT! I DID IT!!
FWAP

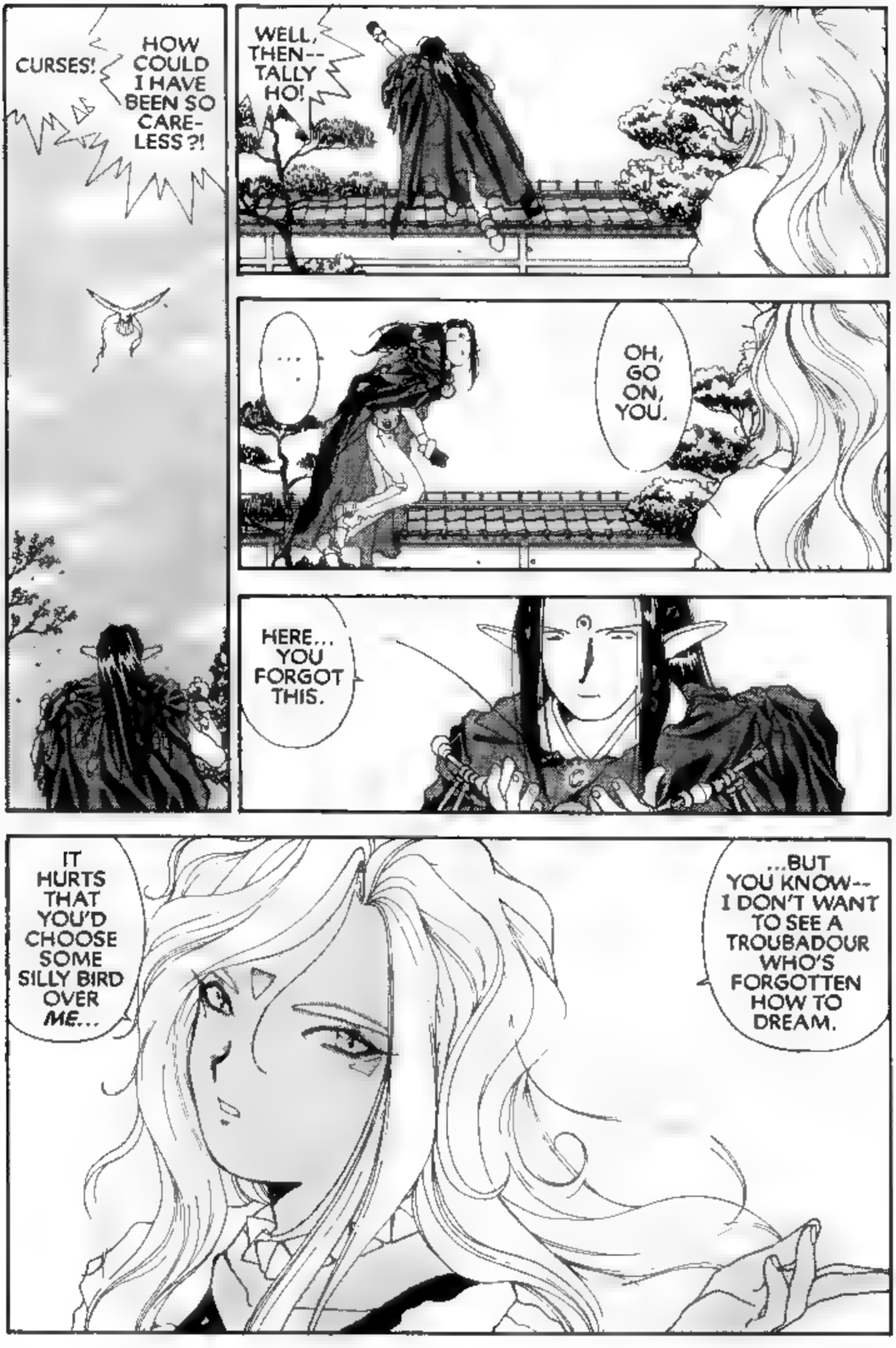
HUH ...?
WH... WHAT DID YOU DO?
uh-oh
UM, ACTUALLY...
THIS SCROLL HERE...?
IT'S BEEN MY DREAM ALL THESE YEARS!
THE SONG TO SUMMON THE GOLDEN NIGHTINGALE!
NOW TO TAME IT AND MAKE IT SING ON MY COMMAND! IT'S MY QUALIFYING TEST TO BE A TRUE PLUM SPRITE...
IN OTHER WORDS... YOU *USED* ME!
Ursa Lightning Bolt... STRIKE!
AIEEE!

THE NEXT DAY

GOODNESS! SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SONG!
IT'S TRUE.
I GUESS WHEN YOU'RE PURSUING YOUR TRUE HEART'S DESIRE YOU CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING SPECIAL...

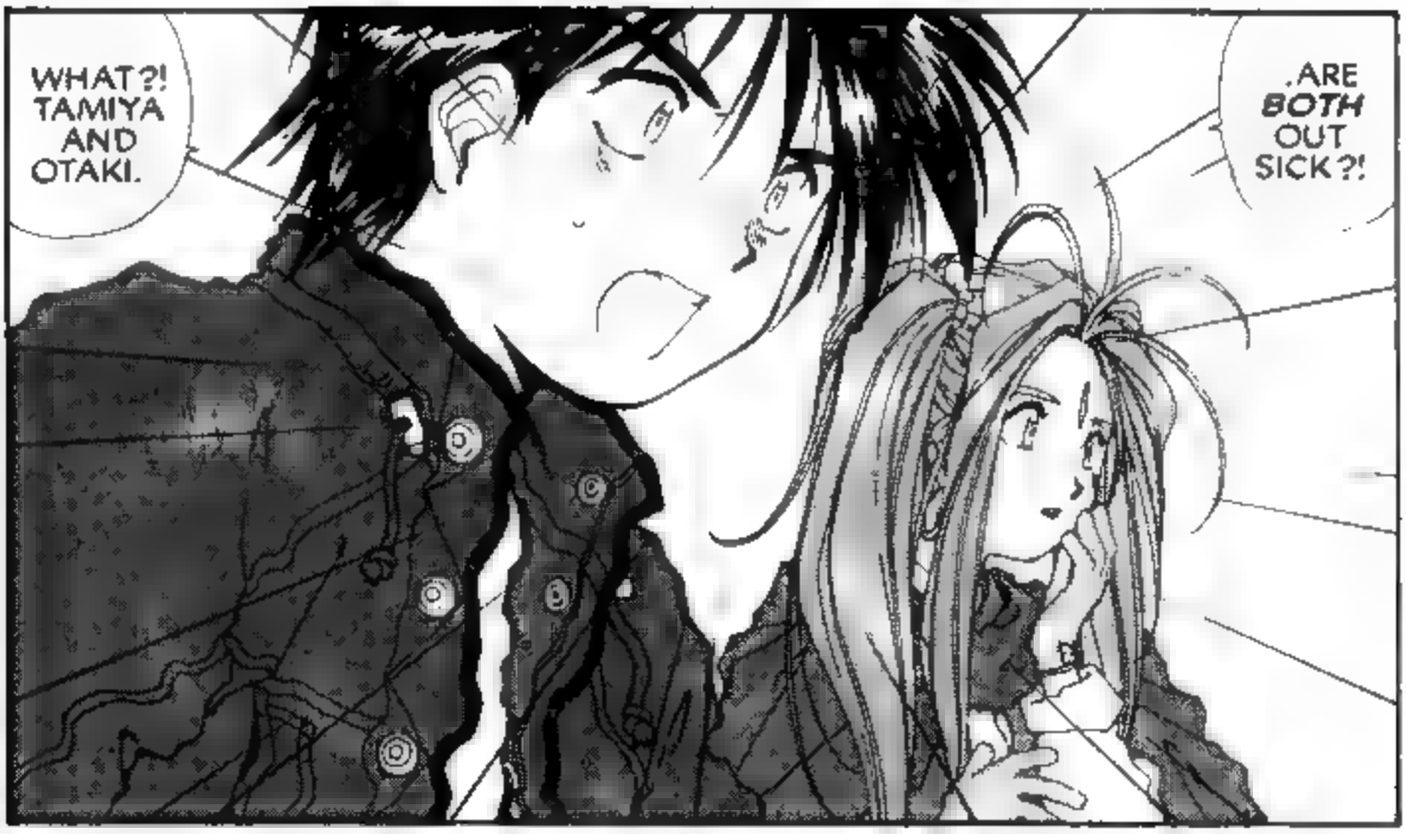
THERE IT IS AT LAST! THE GOLDEN NIGHTINGALE!
ALL MY LIFE HAS LED UP TO THIS MOMENT!
HEY! DOWN IN FRONT!
OH MY ! WHAT A VERY BIG BIRD!


OHHH! THIS SONG CUTS ME TO THE HEART!
ISN'T IT JUST FABULOUS, URD?! HUH?!
HONESTLY ...?
I LIKE YOUR SONGS BETTER.
DOOM!
SHE. . SHE DOESN'T UNDER-STAND!
FLAP FLAP
WHA-?! NO!!
FWIP
OH, NO! WHY?! WHY?!
HEY, YOU OUGHTA BE THRILLED IDIOT!


CURSES!
HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO CARE-LESS?!
WELL, THEN-- TALLY HO!
...
OH, GO ON, YOU.
HERE... YOU FORGOT THIS.
IT HURTS THAT YOU'D CHOOSE SOME SILLY BIRD OVER ME...
...BUT YOU KNOW-- I DON'T WANT TO SEE A TROUBADOUR WHO'S FORGOTTEN HOW TO DREAM.

FORGIVE ME, URD!
YEESH... WHAT AN IDIOT.
HANGING ON TO THAT SILLY RING...
...ALL THIS TIME...
TO URD FROM TROUBADOJR
UH, MY ANTIDOTE? PLEASE?
OOPS! I KINDA FORGOT!

It's Lonely at the Top


WHAT?! TAMIYA AND OTAKI.
.ARE BOTH OUT SICK?!

NOW WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?! THEY SAID THERE WAS SOME KIND OF RACE COMING UP IN JUST TWO WEEKS!

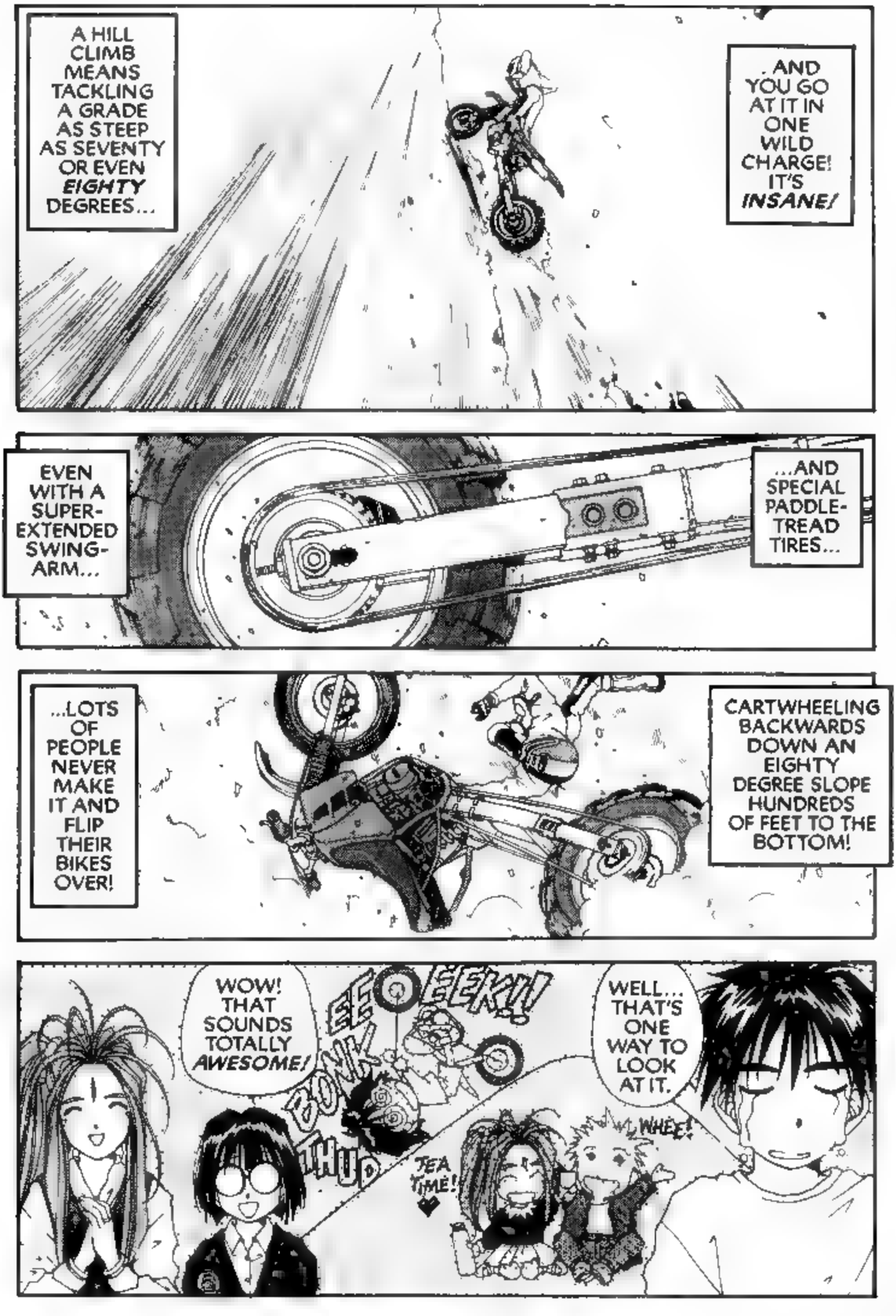
SO WE NEED A TEMPORARY CLUB DIRECTOR, RIGHT?
AND WHO'S GOING TO WANT TO DO THAT?

ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF KEIICHI MORISATO AS ACTING CLUB DIRECTOR, SAY "AYE!!"
AYE!!
HEY! WAIT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED TO ME .. YEESH.
YES... IT'S *SO* WONDERFUL!
WHAT IS .?
IT MEANS THEY *TRUST* YOU, KEIICHI.

IF YOU SAY SO
I DO.
I'M SO HAPPY!
THIS MEANS EVERYONE REALIZES JUST HOW WONDERFUL MY KEIICHI IS.
PERSONALLY, I THINK THEY'RE JUST PASSING THE BUCK...
HMM FIRST WE'VE GOT TO CALL ABOUT ENTRY FORMS
NEKOMI TECH MOTOR CLUB SECONDARY HQ

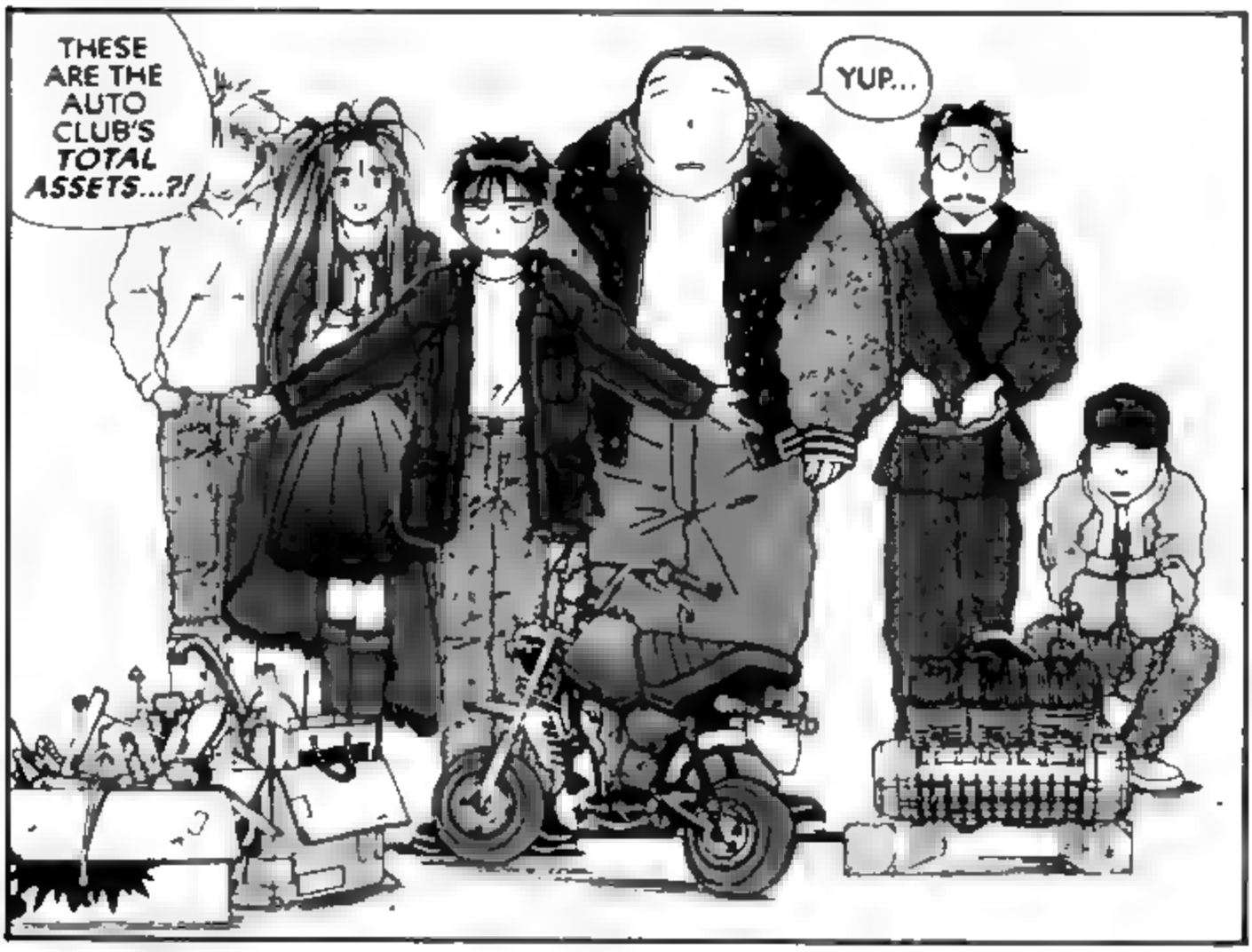
LET'S SEE... WHERE'S THE PHONE NUMBER. .
Hill Climb in Japan
EH?!
Designed by
HebeKichi Co.
ACK!
Hill Climb in Japan
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SIR?
IT'S A H-HILL CLIMB?!
A HILL CLIMBING RACE...? WHAT FUN!
So THEY JUST DRIVE UP A HILL, YES?
SOUNDS EASY!
PUTT PUTT
WELL.. NOT EXACTLY. .
THEY DON'T GET IT. .
WHEE!
GUNSH!
Hill Climb Japan

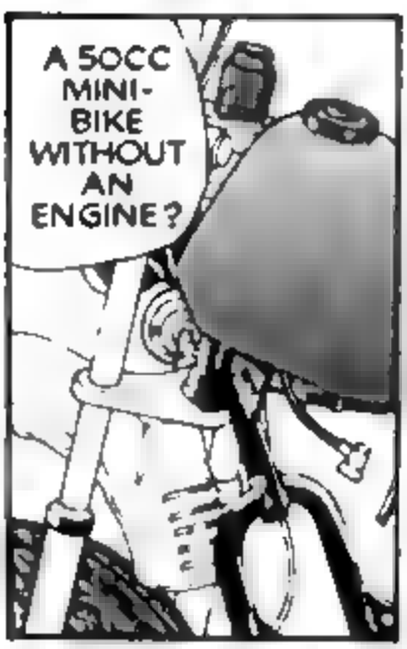

A HILL CLIMB MEANS TACKLING A GRADE AS STEEP AS SEVENTY OR EVEN *EIGHTY* DEGREES...
...AND YOU GO AT IT IN ONE WILD CHARGE! IT'S *INSANE!*
EVEN WITH A SUPER-EXTENDED SWING-ARM...
...AND SPECIAL PADDLE-TREAD TIRES...
...LOTS OF PEOPLE NEVER MAKE IT AND FLIP THEIR BIKES OVER!
CARTWHEELING BACKWARDS DOWN AN EIGHTY DEGREE SLOPE HUNDREDS OF FEET TO THE BOTTOM!
WOW! THAT SOUNDS TOTALLY *AWESOME!*
EEEEEEK!!
BONK
BONK
THUD
TEA TIME!
WELL... THAT'S ONE WAY TO LOOK AT IT.
WHEE!

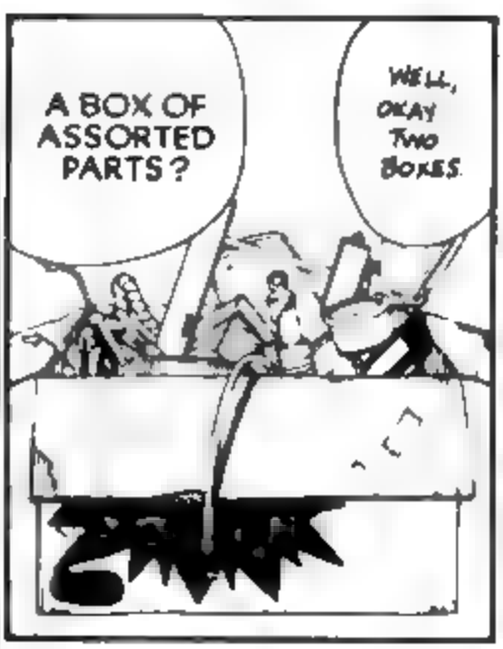
WELL, THEM'S THE BREAKS. BETTER CALL, ANYWAY...
OH, NO!! THE DEADLINE WAS YESTERDAY!!
TAMIYA . OTAKI.. YOU IDIOTS!!
HELLO, HILL CLIMB JAPAN HEAD-QUARTERS!
UM, HI . I'D LIKE TO APPLY FOR THE RACE...
WHAT?!
IT'S CLOSED TO NEW ENTRIES?!
CALM DOWN..!
AS LONG AS I'M THE HEAD OF THE CLUB... IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

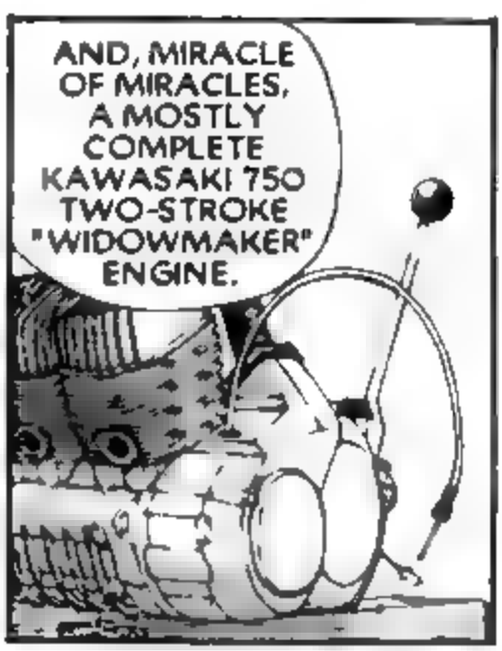
GUESS I'LL GO ASK IN PERSON.
ALL I CAN DO IS TRY TO PERSUADE THEM. .
DIRECTOR ? I'LL GO TALK WITH THEM
HUH? OH, NO, NO. I'M IN CHARGE, SO--
IT'S OFTEN BETTER TO DELEGATE, SIR.
THE LEADER SHOULD STAY BEHIND AND MANAGE THINGS.
DON'T FORGET-- THERE'S MORE THAN ONE MEMBER OF THE AUTO CLUB, SIR.

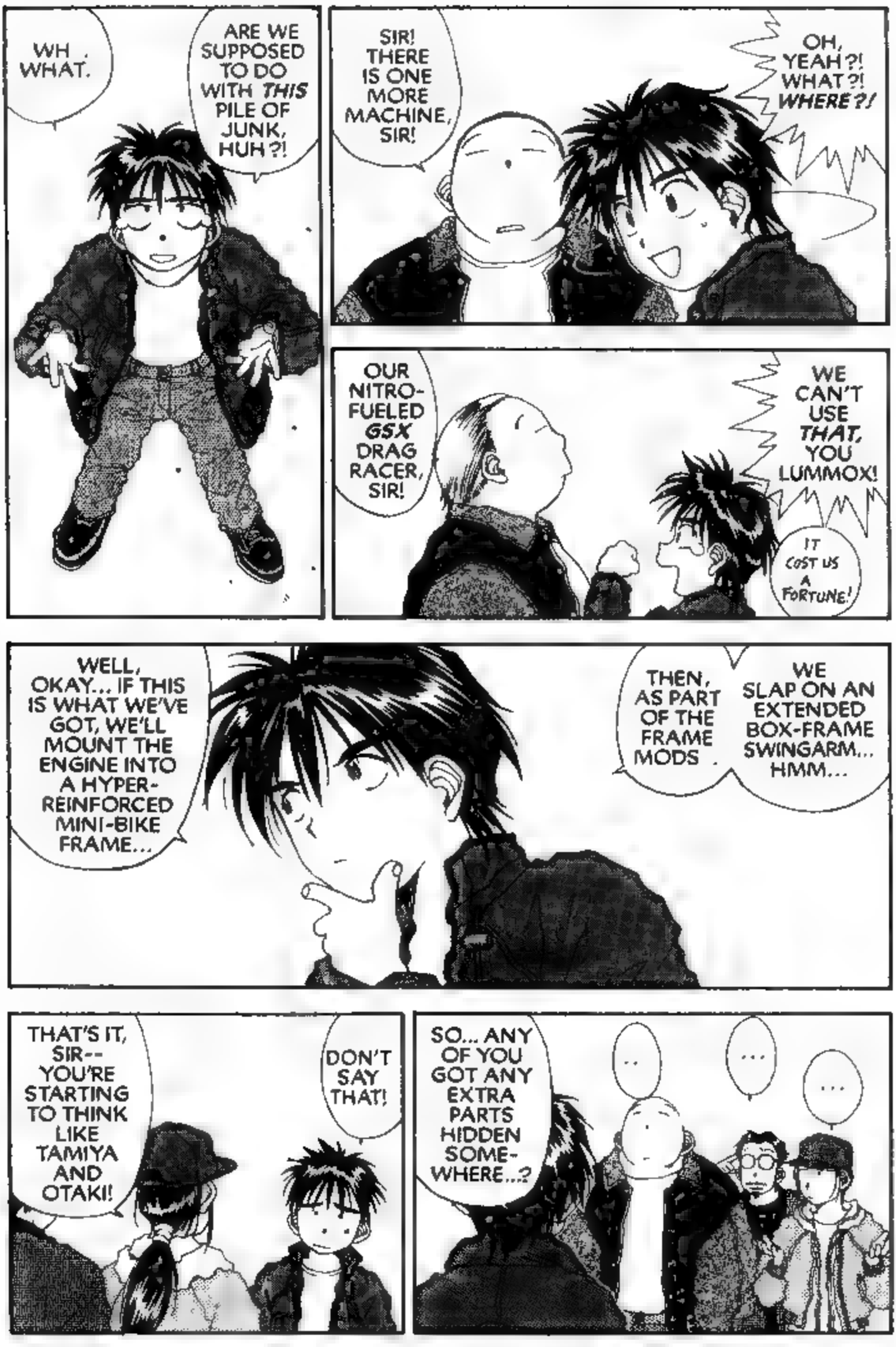
YOU BETTER START BUILDING THE BIKE, OKAY?
HEH... GOOD THINKING, SORA.
GUESS WE BETTER GIVE IT THE OLD COLLEGE TRY...
...AS LONG AS THERE'S EVEN A *CHANCE* WE CAN MAKE IT, HEY?
OF COURSE!
SUZUKI! WATANABE!
YOU DIG UP A FRAME!
YES, SIR!
AND YOU, OGURA
...SEE WHAT WE'VE GOT FOR USEABLE PARTS.
YOU BET!
WITH EVERYONE HELPING, IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG BEFORE..


THESE ARE THE AUTO CLUB'S TOTAL ASSETS...?!
YUP...


A 50CC MINI-BIKE WITHOUT AN ENGINE?


A BOX OF ASSORTED PARTS?
WELL, OKAY TWO BOXES.

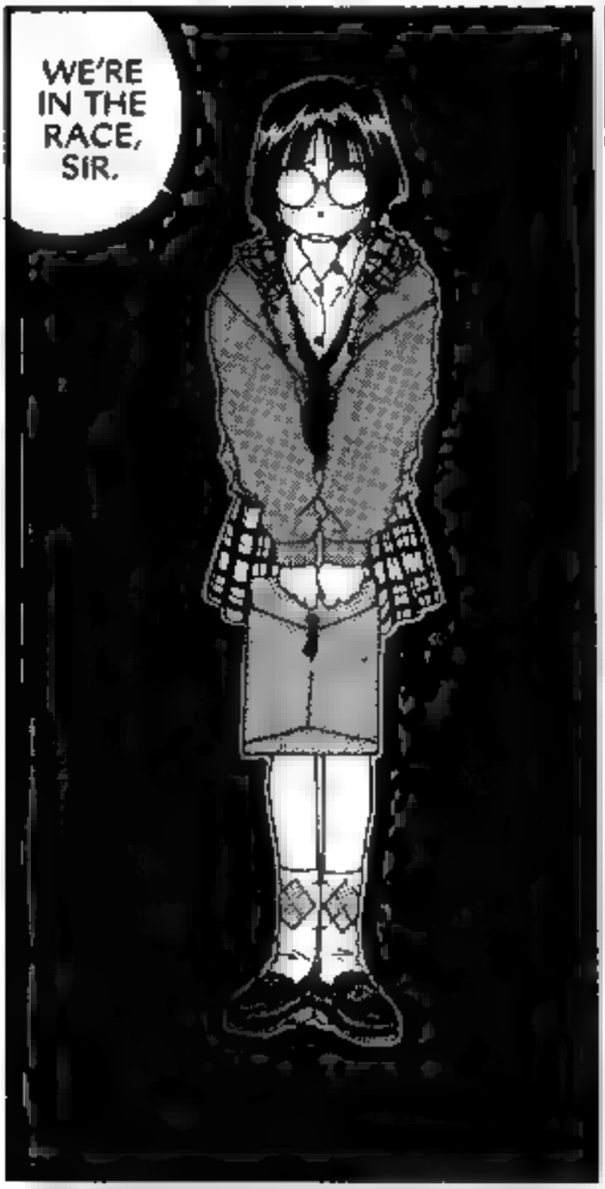

AND, MIRACLE OF MIRACLES, A MOSTLY COMPLETE KAWASAKI 750 TWO-STROKE "WIDOWMAKER" ENGINE.


WH . WHAT.
ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH *THIS* PILE OF JUNK, HUH?!
SIR! THERE IS ONE MORE MACHINE, SIR!
OH, YEAH?! WHAT?! *WHERE?!*
OUR NITRO-FUELED *GSX* DRAG RACER, SIR!
WE CAN'T USE *THAT*, YOU LUMMOX!
IT COST US A FORTUNE!
WELL, OKAY... IF THIS IS WHAT WE'VE GOT, WE'LL MOUNT THE ENGINE INTO A HYPER-REINFORCED MINI-BIKE FRAME...
THEN, AS PART OF THE FRAME MODS
WE SLAP ON AN EXTENDED BOX-FRAME SWINGARM... HMM...
THAT'S IT, SIR-- YOU'RE STARTING TO THINK LIKE TAMIYA AND OTAKI!
DON'T SAY THAT!
SO... ANY OF YOU GOT ANY EXTRA PARTS HIDDEN SOME-WHERE...?
...
...
...

Buried Memories of Things Long Hidden Respond to My Call!
Float Now Upward From the Dark, Forgotten Depths
By This the Goddess Rune Come Forth!
HMM
YEAH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT
ONE OF MY BUDS CRASHED OUT LAST FALL
TRASHED THE FRONT END, BUT HE'S GOT THE REAR SUSPENSION HANGING AROUND
AND NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WASN'T THERE AN OLD KDX FORK AND TRIPLE-CLAMP UNDER THOSE BOXES IN THE WAREHOUSE. ?

I GOT SOME ALUMINUM HANDLE-BARS AT HOME...
I THINK I SAW A SET OF EXPANSION CHAMBERS AT THE SALVAGE YARD...
WHOA... LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT EVERY-THING WE NEED...?!
I GOT SOME PIPE...
THERE WAS A SET OF CARBS, TOO

ALTHOUGH GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT KIND OF WEIRD BIKE WE CAN MAKE OUT OF THIS STUFF.
MAYBE IT'LL BE BETTER IF WE CAN'T ENTER THE RACE AFTER ALL...
SIR...?

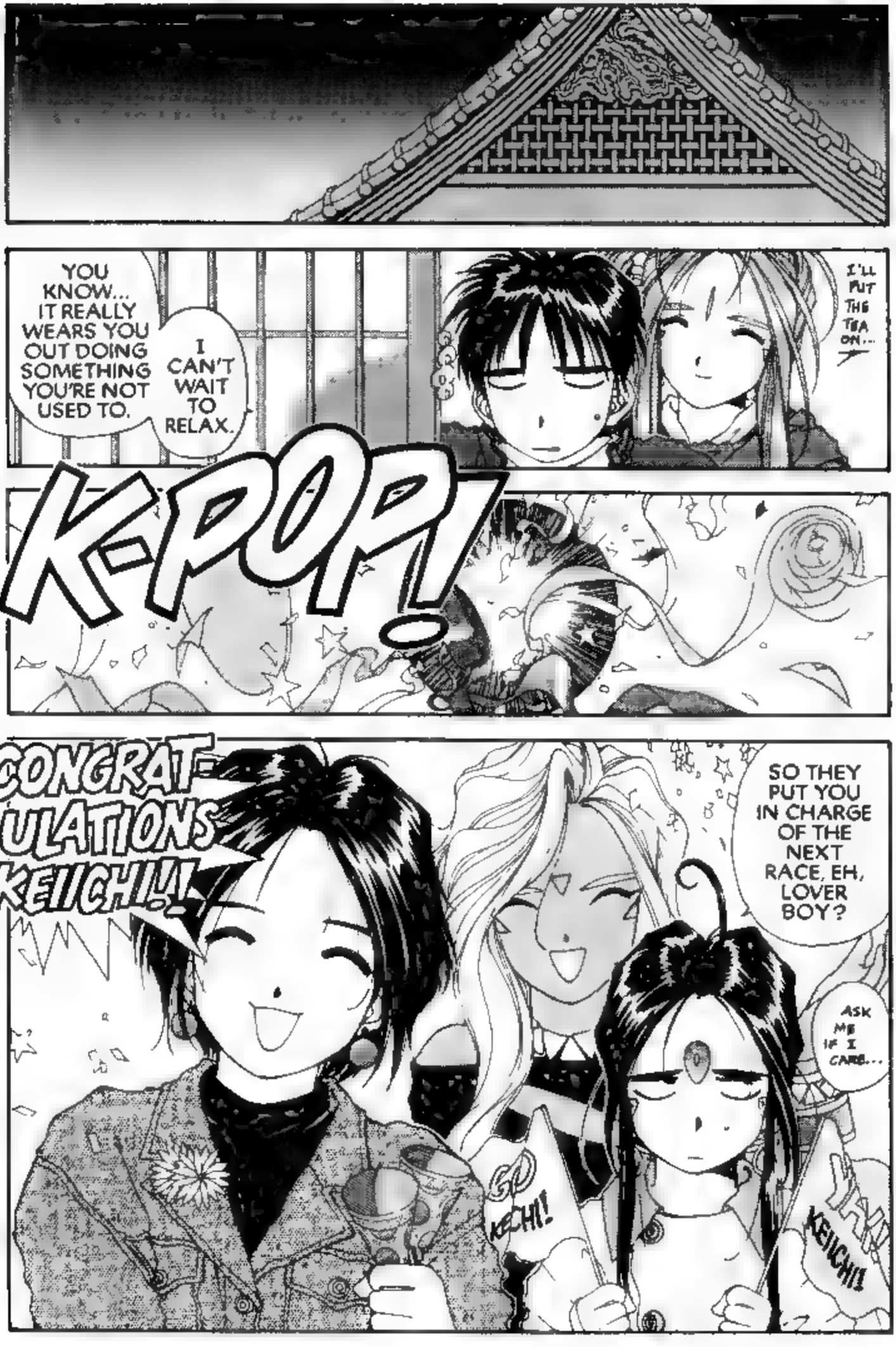

WE'RE IN THE RACE, SIR.

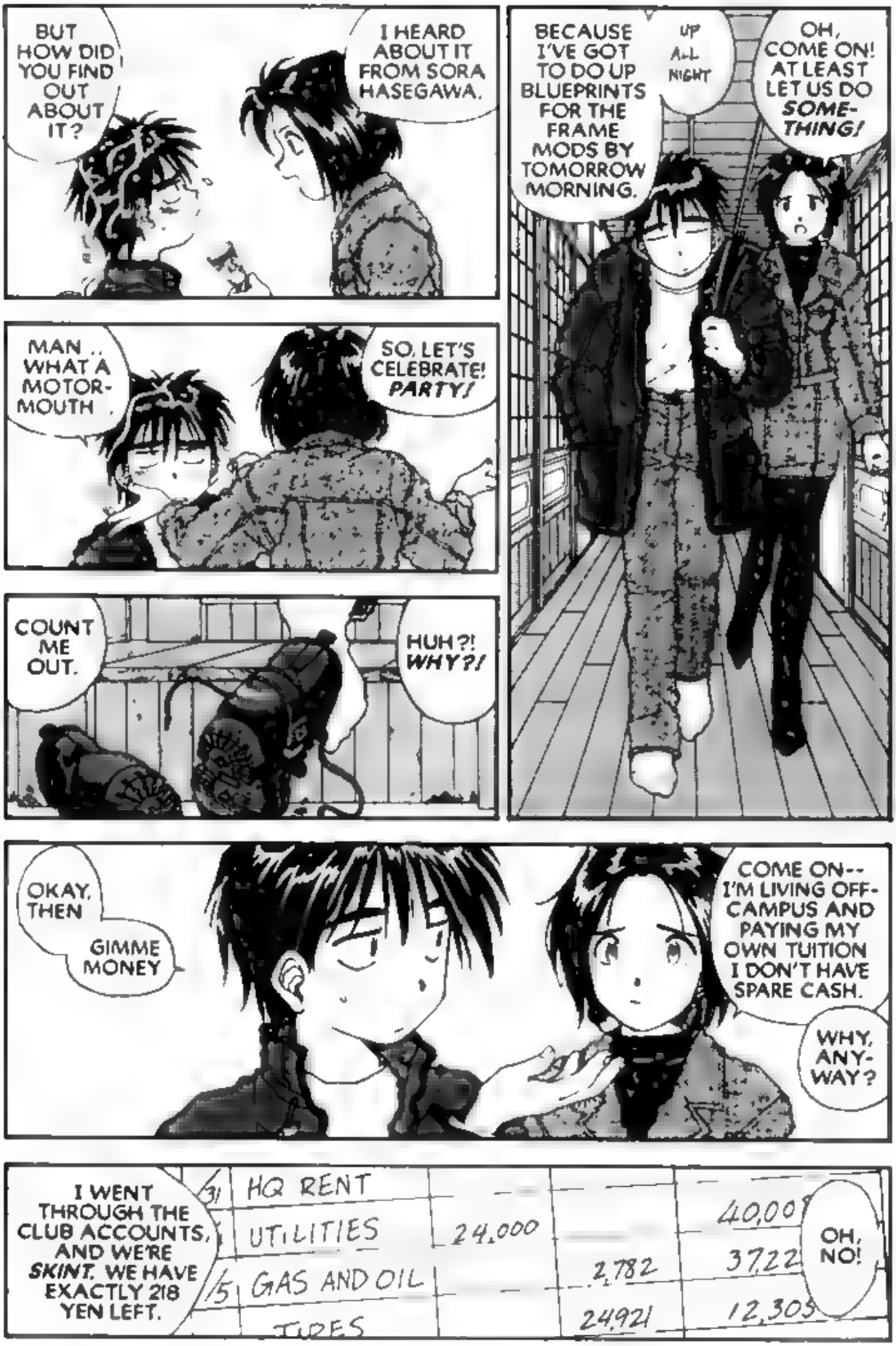
I'M NOT SURE...
...IF I'M INCREDIBLY LUCKY...
...OR INCREDIBLY *UNLUCKY!*

THAT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE, SORA!
HOW'D YOU MANAGE IT?

S-SIR...
I... I...

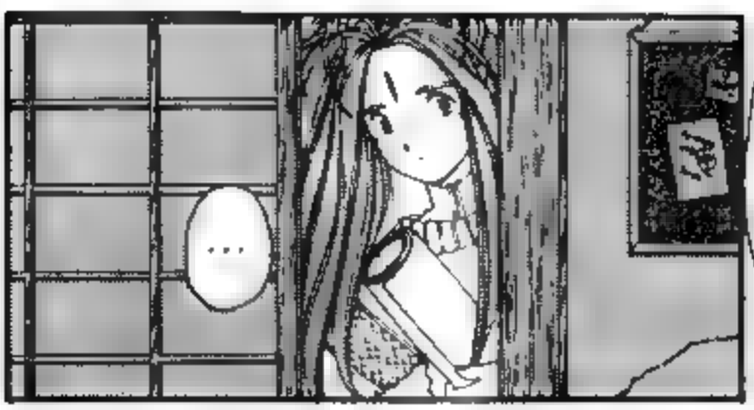
HUH?!
WAAH!!
WAIT A SEC... NO!!
DON'T TELL ME SHE USED HER BODY TO...?!
I GOT MISTAKEN FOR A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT!
WHOA! THEY SENT A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ALL THE WAY ACROSS TOWN BY HERSELF...? WHAT A BRAVE LITTLE GIRL YOU ARE! WELL, YOU JUST LET OL' UNCLE OKADA TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!
AWW DON'T CRY, SORA.
JUST THINK. THAT PURE, CHILDISH, BABY FACE OF YOURS GOT US INTO THE RACE, RIGHT?
UH... RIGHT?
GEE, THANKS!! THAT MAKES ME FEEL A WHOLE LOT BETTER, SIR!!


YOU KNOW... IT REALLY WEARS YOU OUT DOING SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT USED TO.
I CAN'T WAIT TO RELAX.
I'LL PUT THE TEA ON...
K-POP!
CONGRAT-ULATIONS KEIICHI!!
SO THEY PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF THE NEXT RACE, EH, LOVER BOY?
ASK ME IF I CARE...
GO KEICHI!
KEICHI!


BUT HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT IT?
I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM SORA HASEGAWA.
MAN .. WHAT A MOTOR-MOUTH .
SO, LET'S CELEBRATE! PARTY!
COUNT ME OUT.
HUH?! WHY?!
BECAUSE I'VE GOT TO DO UP BLUEPRINTS FOR THE FRAME MODS BY TOMORROW MORNING.
UP ALL NIGHT
OH, COME ON! AT LEAST LET US DO SOME-THING!
OKAY, THEN
GIMME MONEY
COME ON-- I'M LIVING OFF-CAMPUS AND PAYING MY OWN TUITION I DON'T HAVE SPARE CASH.
WHY, ANY-WAY?
I WENT THROUGH THE CLUB ACCOUNTS, AND WE'RE SKINT. WE HAVE EXACTLY 218 YEN LEFT.
31 HQ RENT 40,000
UTILITIES 24,000 37,22
OH, NO!
5 GAS AND OIL 2,782
TIRES 24,921 12,309

EVEN IF WE MAKE OUR OWN PARTS, WE STILL NEED TO BUY MATERIALS AND EXPENDABLES...
HMM
?? YOU GOING HOME?
I MAY BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE.
DON'T COUNT ON IT, THOUGH, BRO!
WHAT'S *THAT* SUPPOSED TO MEAN..?

KEIICHI'S
SHOP
TAK
TAK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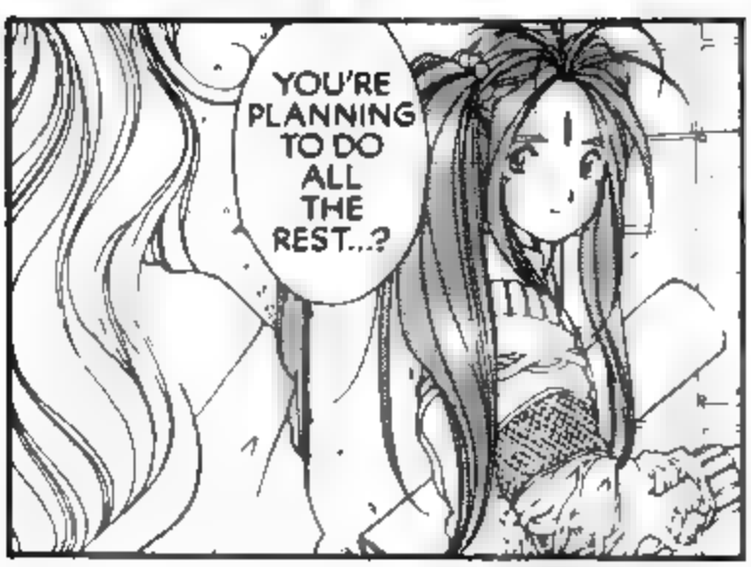
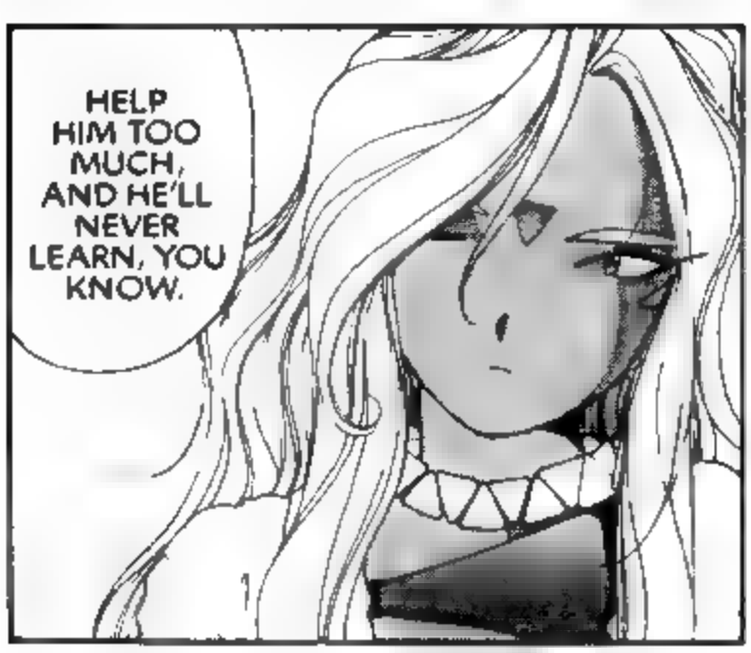
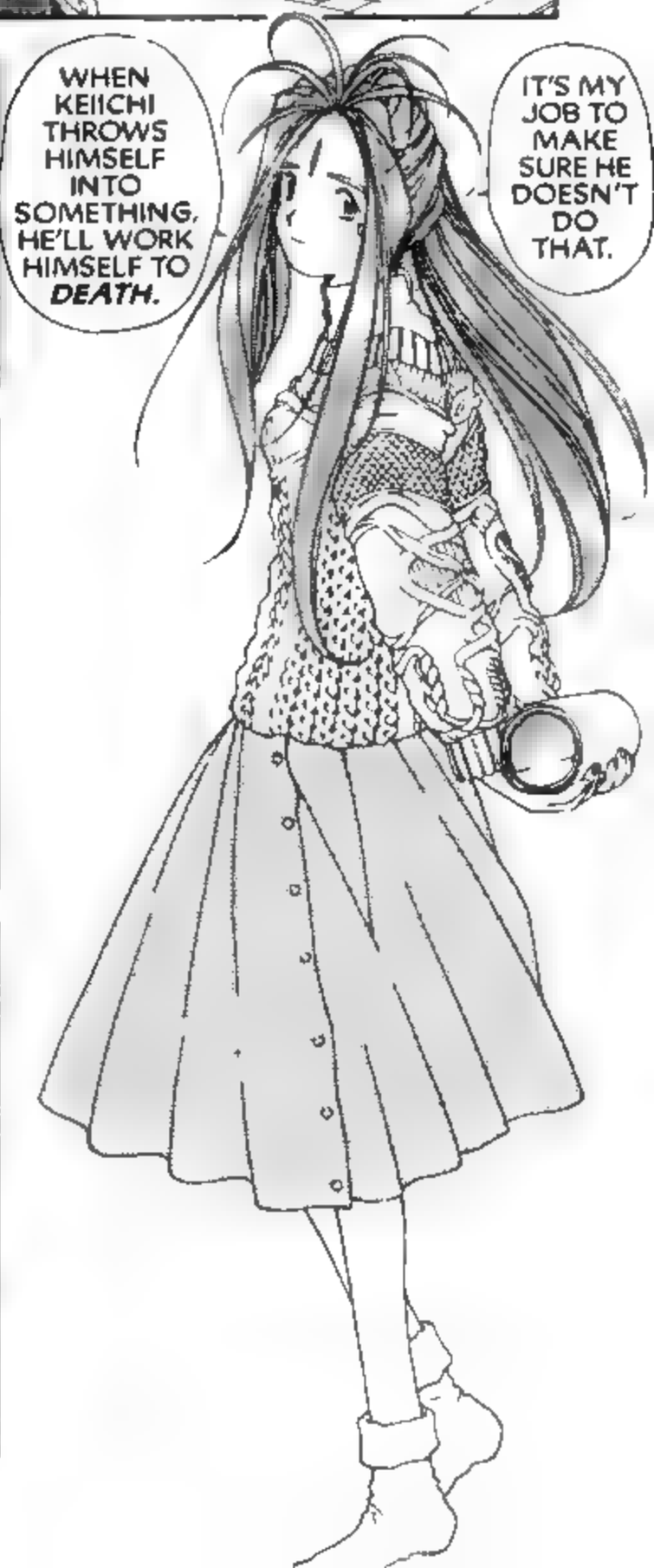
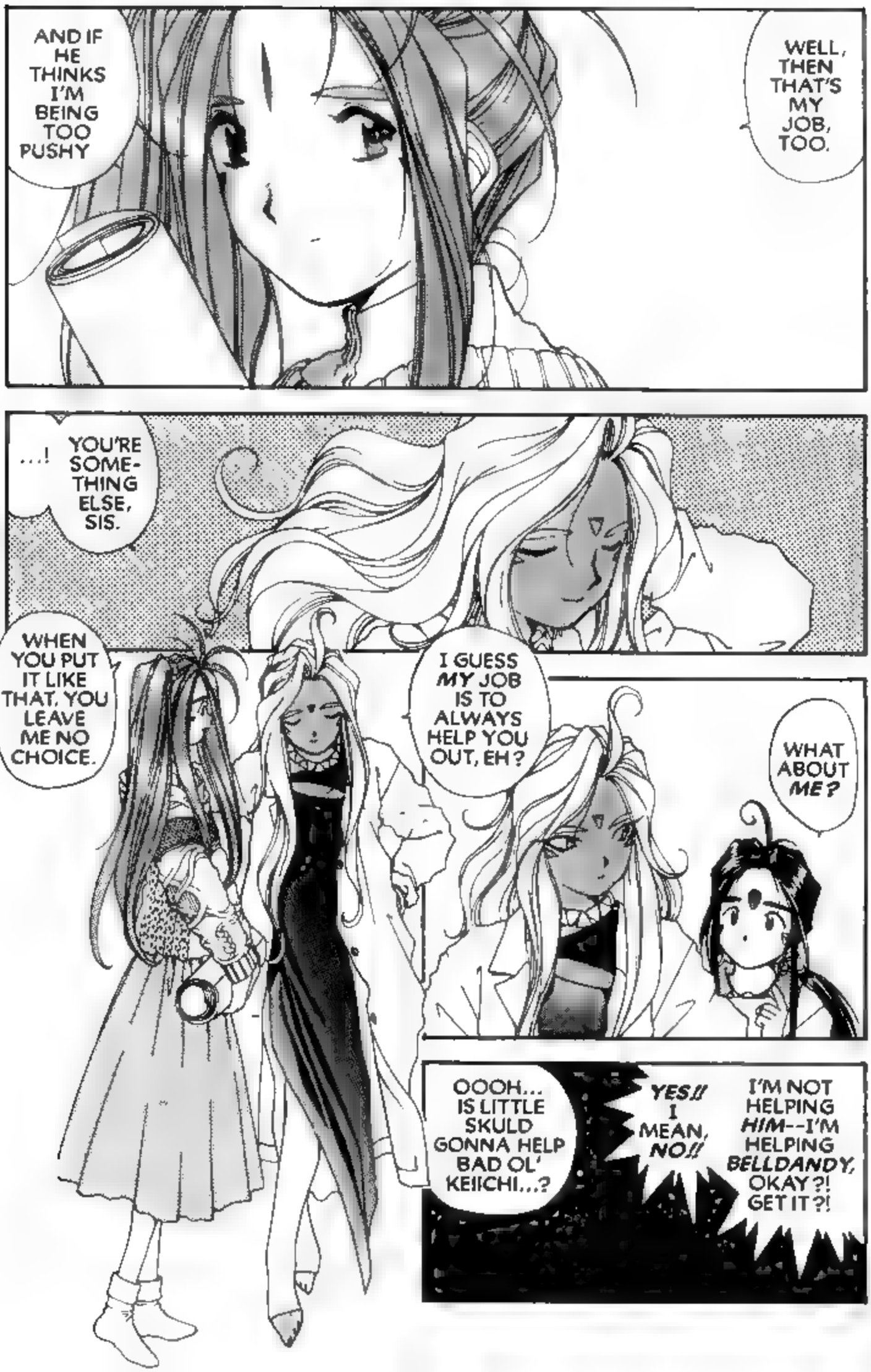

YOU'RE PLANNING TO DO ALL THE REST...?


HELP HIM TOO MUCH, AND HE'LL NEVER LEARN, YOU KNOW.


WHEN KEIICHI THROWS HIMSELF INTO SOMETHING, HE'LL WORK HIMSELF TO *DEATH.*
IT'S MY JOB TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T DO THAT.


AND IF HE THINKS I'M BEING TOO PUSHY
WELL, THEN THAT'S MY JOB, TOO.
...!
YOU'RE SOME-THING ELSE, SIS.
WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT, YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE.
I GUESS MY JOB IS TO ALWAYS HELP YOU OUT, EH?
WHAT ABOUT ME?
OOOH... IS LITTLE SKULD GONNA HELP BAD OL' KEIICHI...?
YES!! I MEAN, NO!!
I'M NOT HELPING HIM--I'M HELPING BELLDANDY, OKAY?! GET IT?!

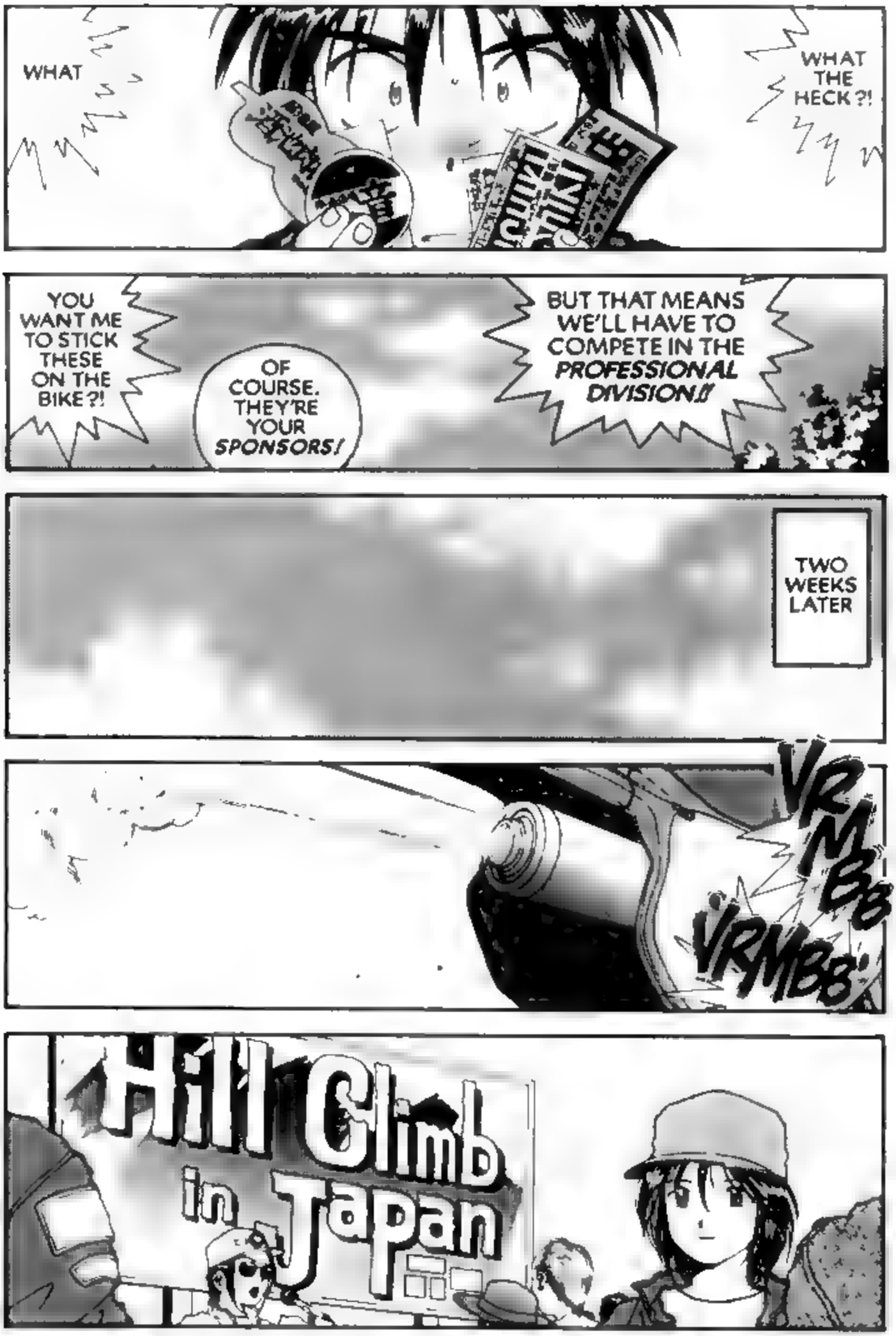
AND SO, THE NEXT MORNING...
HUH .?
THE PLANS .? THEY'RE... FINISHED?!
WHOA .. THE WHOLE BIKE!
WHAT THE HECK . ?
KEIICHI? OH, KEIICHI!
FORGIVE ME! I KNOW I SHOULDN'T HAVE...
...AND YOU'VE GOT EVERY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY.
BUT ..

"ANGRY"...?
WITH MY WONDERFUL BELLDANDY?
NO WAY!
IF I'M ANGRY, IT'S WITH *MYSELF*.
SORA REALLY HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD.
HAH! SHE SHOULD HAVE HIT *ME* ON THE HEAD!
I WAS *STILL* TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING MYSELF, EVEN IF IT KILLED ME.
NO, I'M NOT ANGRY WITH YOU, BELLDANDY.
IN FACT, I DON'T THINK I CAN FIND WORDS TO THANK YOU ENOUGH!
OH, KEIICHI

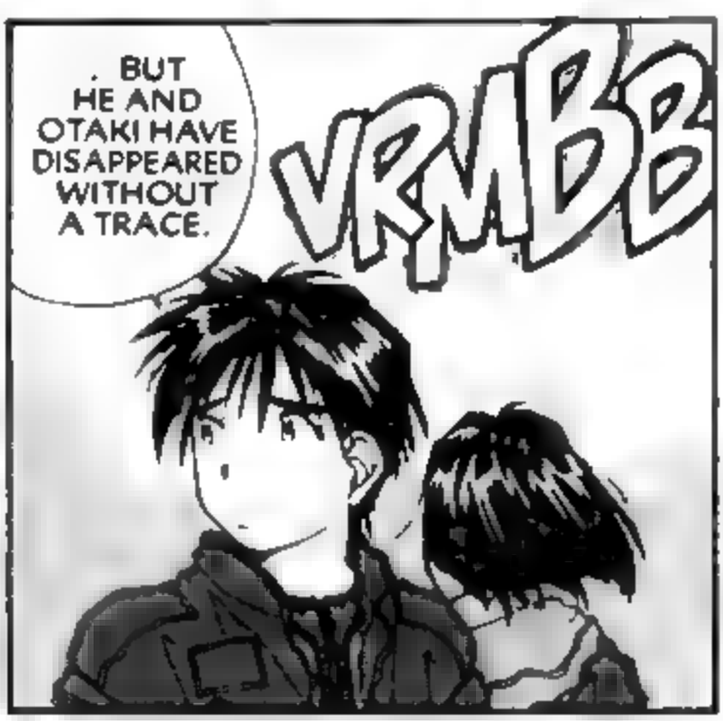
THAT'S WHY
I LOVE YOU!

THE PARTS WE MADE FROM THE GODDESS BLUEPRINTS...
..WERE BETTER THAN EVEN THE VERY BEST NEW PARTS
OH MAN! IT FITS PERFECTLY!
HELLO KEI-ICHI!
HUH?
TAA-DAA!
CHECK IT OUT!

THIS IS LIKE, SIXTEEN HUNDRED BUCKS!
HOW DID SHE ..?!
KEICHI, YOU'RE TALKING TO YOURSELF AGAIN
THINK OF IT AS YOUR LITTLE SISTER'S EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR HER BIG BROTHER
SO DON'T WASTE IT, KIDDO!
HEH, HEH . I'M PRETTY WELL KNOWN DOWN AT THE SHOPPING MALL.
SO I TALKED THEM ALL INTO SPONSORING YOU.
MEGUMI.. YOU'RE THE BEST LITTLE SISTER--
OH, YEAH!
?
I ALMOST FORGOT THE MOST IMPORTANT STUFF
?
HERE YOU GO! STICK 'EM ON THE BIKE!


WHAT
WHAT THE HECK?!
YOU WANT ME TO STICK THESE ON THE BIKE?!
OF COURSE. THEY'RE YOUR SPONSORS!
BUT THAT MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO COMPETE IN THE PROFESSIONAL DIVISION!!
TWO WEEKS LATER
VRMBB
VRMBB
Hill Climb in Japan

SO YOU WOUND UP RIDING IT YOURSELF, SIR?
WELL, I WAS GOING TO LET TAMIYA DO IT, BUT...


. BUT HE AND OTAKI HAVE DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE.
VRMBB

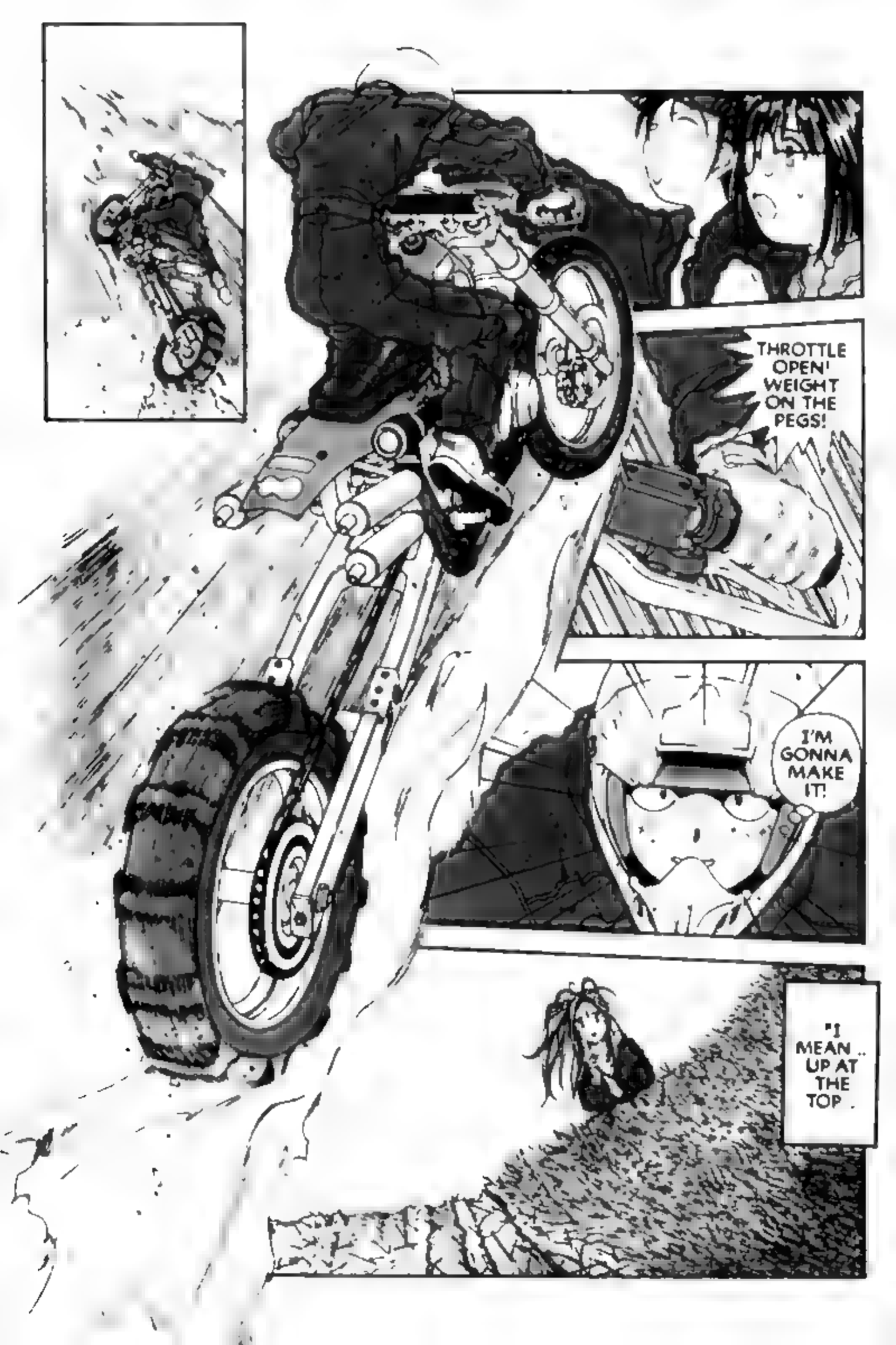
VRAAAWW
WHAM
SKRASSH
WHUD
KRAK
ARE YOU REALLY SURE, SIR. .?
YEP. NOW DO YOU SEE WHY I WAS SO THRILLED?
BABA UNIVERSITY MOTORCYCLE CLUB... FIFTY-TWO YARDS AND SIXTEEN INCHES.

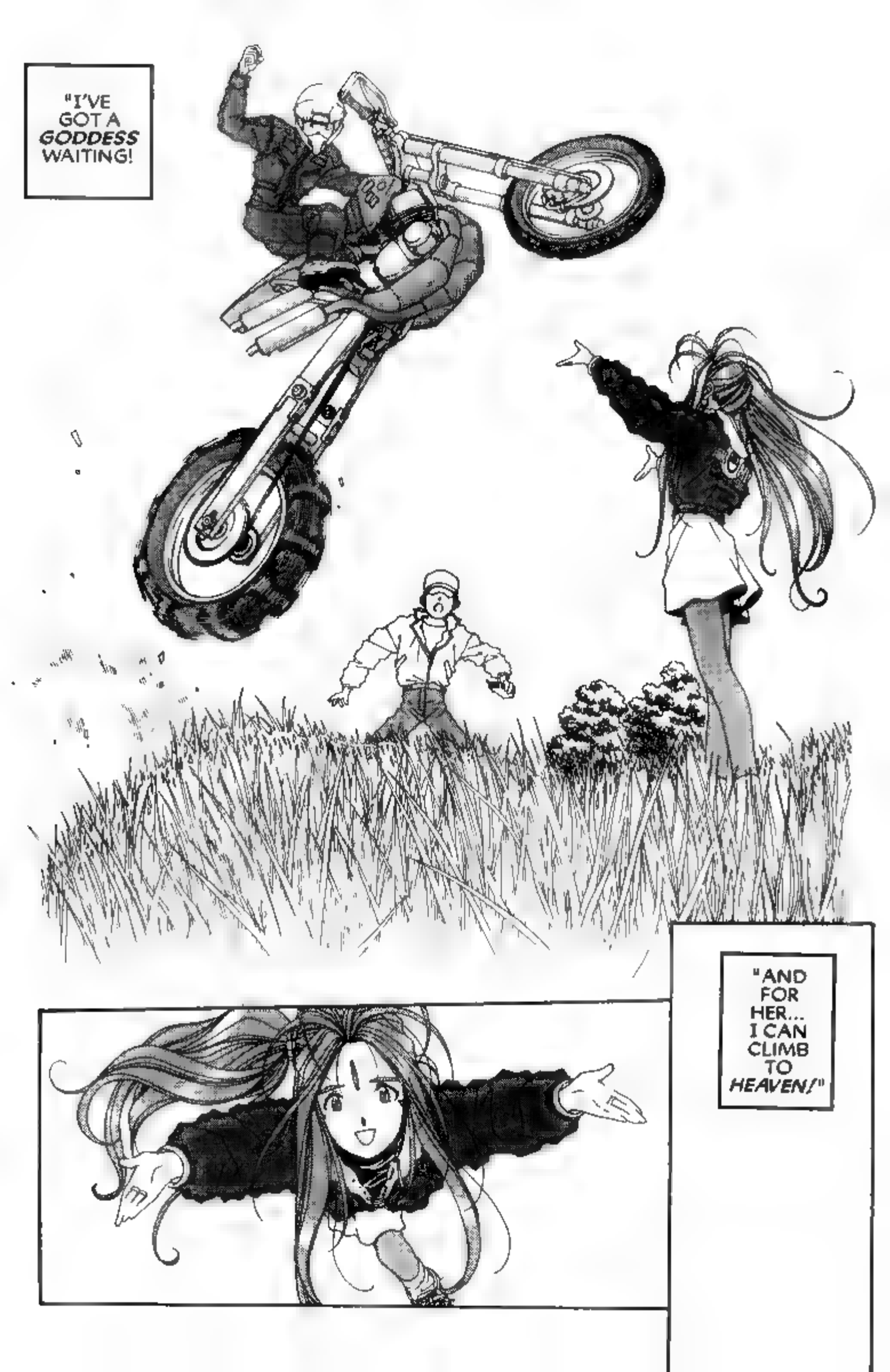
BEST RUN OF THE DAY STANDS AT ONE-HUNDRED-TWO YARDS TWENTY-ONE INCHES. SO FAR NO TEAM HAS MADE IT TO THE TOP!
AND NOW, ENTRY ONE-ONE-NINE... THE NEKOMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MOTOR CLUB...
...PLEASE TAKE YOUR PLACE AT THE STARTING LINE!
THAT'S NOT A HILL-- IT'S A CLIFF!
CAN I REALLY MAKE IT...?
SMAK

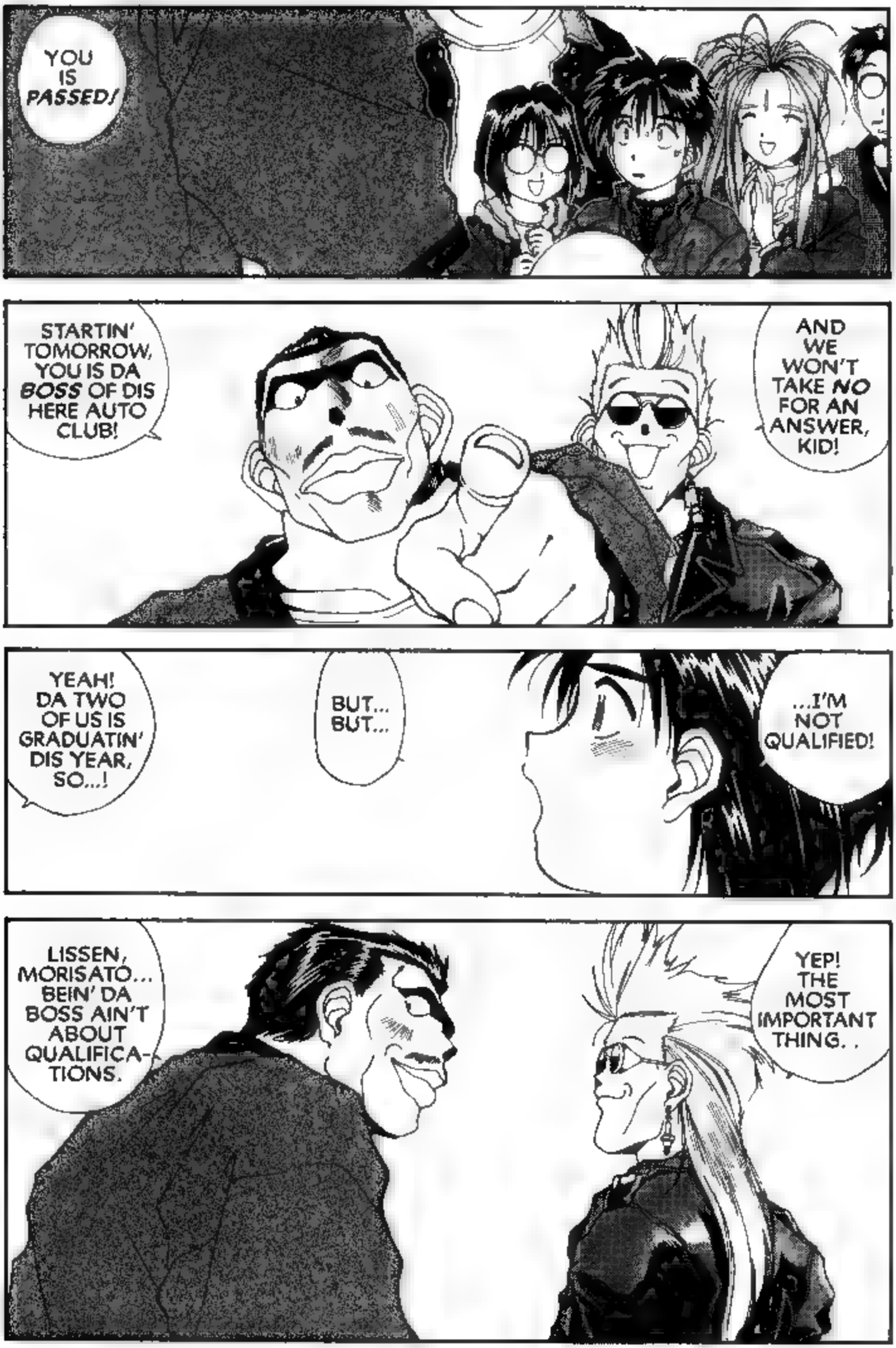
OF COURSE YOU CAN!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT THE TOP, DEAR!
....
....
OKAY! IF YOU'RE SO CERTAIN ABOUT IT, BELLDANDY, THEN...
VRMBB
GO

VRRAWWW
GO MAN GO!!
YOU'VE GOT A GODDESS ON YOUR SIDE!
THE FIRST JUMP!
IF I CATCH TOO MUCH AIR I'LL LOSE ACCELERA-TION...
...GOTTA KEEP THAT REAR TIRE SUCKING DIRT!
VRAAAA
KEEP HER LOW!
HE'S REALLY RIPPING UP THE HILL, THAT BOY!
YUP!
HUH? YOU GUYS?!

I'D SAY THIS CLINCHES IT EH, TAMIYA?
YUP!
KEEP MY BODY FORWARD!
THROTTLE OPEN FULL!
GO, KEIICHI, GO!
GO, GO, GO!

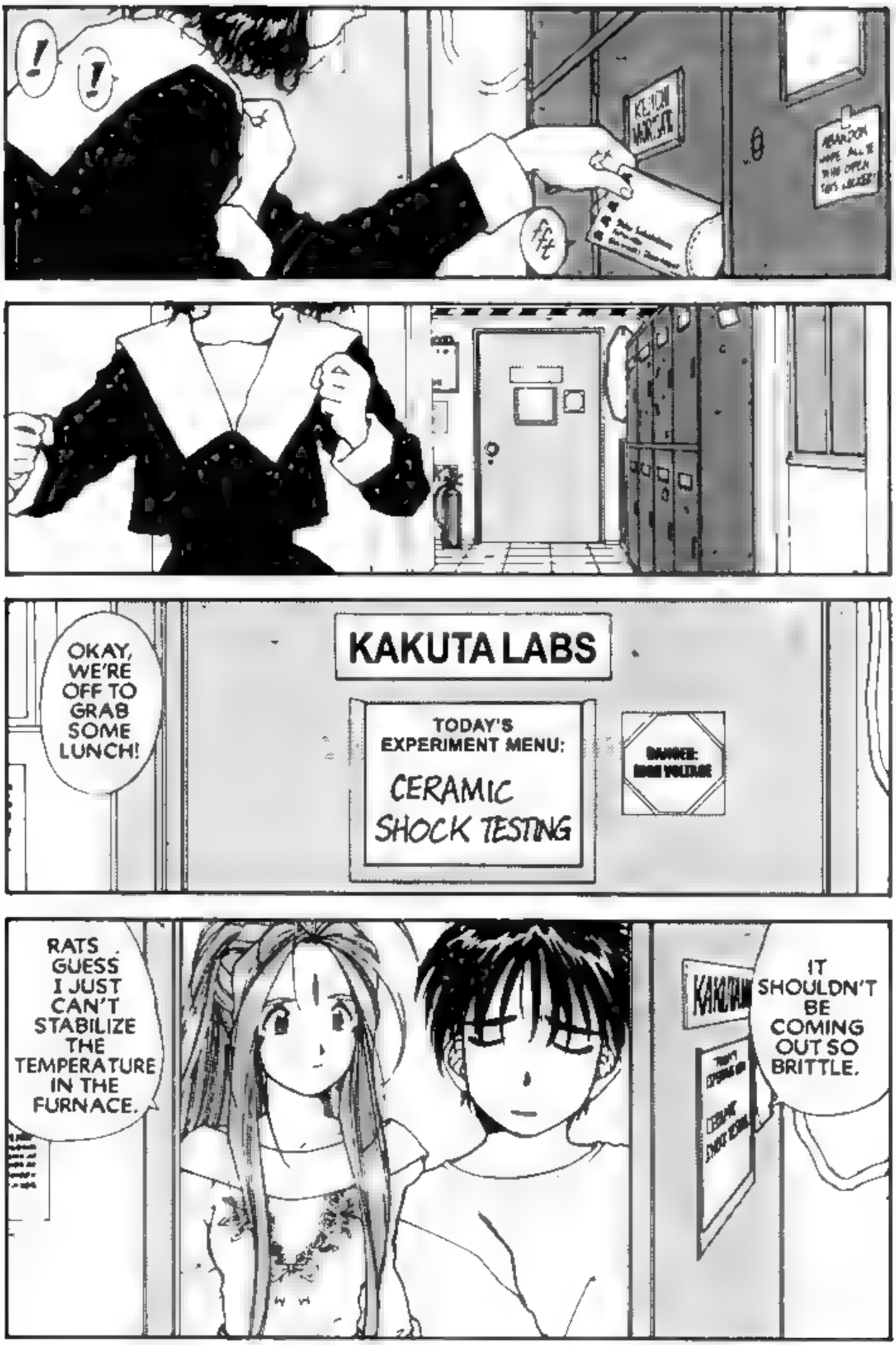

THROTTLE OPEN! WEIGHT ON THE PEGS!
I'M GONNA MAKE IT!
"I MEAN .. UP AT THE TOP .


"I'VE GOT A GODDESS WAITING!
"AND FOR HER... I CAN CLIMB TO HEAVEN!"


YOU IS *PASSED!*
STARTIN' TOMORROW, YOU IS DA *BOSS* OF DIS HERE AUTO CLUB!
AND WE WON'T TAKE *NO* FOR AN ANSWER, KID!
YEAH! DA TWO OF US IS GRADUATIN' DIS YEAR, SO...!
BUT... BUT...
...I'M NOT QUALIFIED!
LISSEN, MORISATO... BEIN' DA BOSS AIN'T ABOUT QUALIFICA-TIONS.
YEP! THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. .

.. IS THE POWER TO MAKE PEOPLE WORK FOR YOU
IN OTHER WORDS...
YOUR LEADER-SHIP!
TAMIYA...
OTAKI ..
"BELLDANDY SAYS THAT HAPPINESS IN LIFE...
THANK YOU!!
". DEPENDS ON HOW MANY TIMES YOU GET TO SAY 'THANK YOU' FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART.
"BUT LET'S JUST PRETEND THIS ONE DIDN'T HAPPEN, OKAY?"
BUT LEMME 'SPLAIN SOMETHIN'. ME AN' OTAKI IS BOTH GONNA STAY ON FER GRADUATE SCHOOL, SEE? SO WE'S ESTABLISHIN' DA NEW HIGH LEVEL EXECUTIVE BRANCH, AND WE IS GONNA KEEP ON RUNNIN' DIS CLUB LIKE ALWAYS.
PAY ATTENTION WHEN THE REAL BOSS IS SPEAKING!
THEY DON'T MEAN BADLY.
DAMN! NOW I'VE GOT ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY AND NO POWER... GREAT!

Fallen
Angel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OKAY, WE'RE OFF TO GRAB SOME LUNCH!
KAKUTA LABS
TODAY'S EXPERIMENT MENU:
CERAMIC SHOCK TESTING
RATS. GUESS I JUST CAN'T STABILIZE THE TEMPERATURE IN THE FURNACE.
IT SHOULDN'T BE COMING OUT SO BRITTLE.

NOTHING NEW COMES INTO THE WORLD WITHOUT A FEW FAILURES
A FAILURE TODAY MEANS A BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS TOMORROW
HMM?
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER WHEN YOU'VE HAD SOME LUNCH
YEAH YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT
HUH?

WHO ...?
"SHIHO SAKAKIBARA. FRESHMAN, ELECTRONICS DEPARTMENT".. ?
NEVER HEARD OF HER.
...
Dear Kuuchi
Forgive me for swearing you
this letter out of the blue but
ever since I first set eyes
upon you, I have tried many
times to speak to you. But
Alas, I could never find the
right words and each of those
days has ended in regret And so
today, I at last find the courage.
I want to tell you my heart.
I want to tell you how I feel,
in my own words
And so
I will be in front of the fountain
today until I see you
And I will wait forever.
IT... IT'S...
!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY!
A LOVE LETTER!!

I'VE WRITTEN THEM MYSELF, BUT MY GOD, I NEVER DREAMED THAT SOMEDAY I'D ACTUALLY GET ONE!
WHAT IS IT. ?
"EVER SINCE I FIRST SET EYES UPON YOU...
IT'S N-N-N- NOTHING!
YA YEE!
FWAP
OH, DEAR. . MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED. .?
"...I HAVE TRIED MANY TIMES TO SPEAK TO YOU..."
OOH, BABY!
!!
A LOVE LETTER, BELLDANDY. . THAT'S WHAT IT IS.
WAY TO GO, LOVER BOY.

AND SO?
YOU GONNA MEET HER?
OF... OF COURSE NOT!!
OH, REALLY ...?
HMM... ACCORDING TO MY READING, SHE IS DEVASTATINGLY CUTE.
URD'S HAIR DIVINATION TECHNIQUE!
HMM...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
JEEZ HE'S ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT IT?!
KEIICHI ..?

URK!
Y-YES ...?
SEE? WHAT A DOPE!
IT TAKES INCREDIBLE EMOTIONAL STRENGTH TO REVEAL ONE'S DEEPEST FEELINGS!
YOU *OWE* HER A PROPER ANSWER!
I... ER... HUH?
THE LOOK ON HER FACE WAS *SO* SERIOUS WHEN SHE SAID IT.
BUT...
OKAY?
...DOESN'T SHE FEEL THE *SLIGHTEST* JEALOUSY? EVEN IN A CASE LIKE THIS?
DOES SHE TRULY TRUST ME SO COM-PLETELY?
OR COULD IT BE...
...THAT SHE JUST DOESN'T THINK I'M WORTH GETTING JEALOUS OVER...?

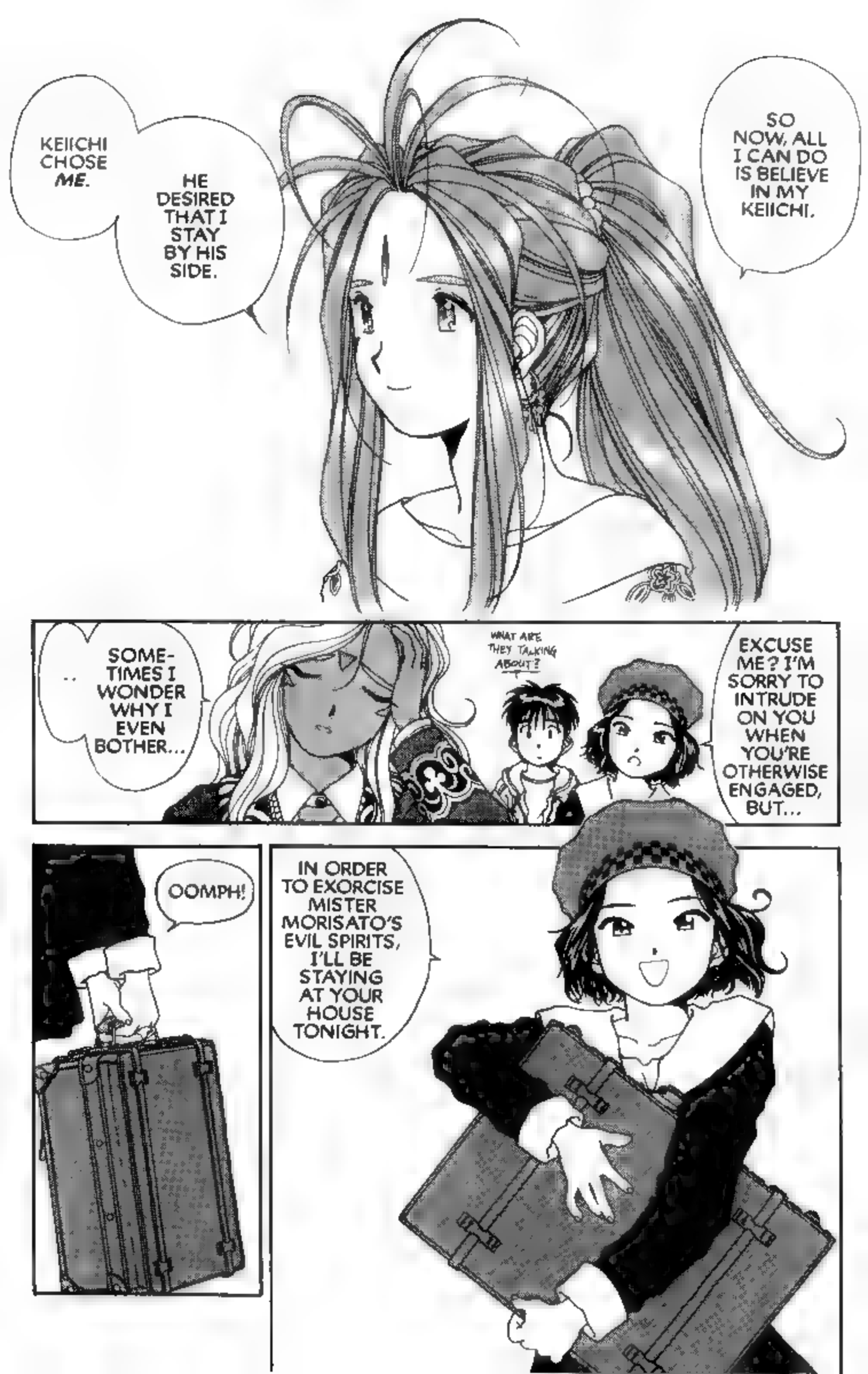
YOU'RE GONNA TURN HER DOWN? REALLY? WHAT A WASTE!
IS IT FUN PICKING ON ME, URD?
WELL, YEAH A LITTLE
HOLY COW... THAT GIRL THERE IS *AWESOMELY* CUTE!
NAW, CAN'T BE HER.
DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE, THOUGH...

OH!
KEIICHI ..!
UH... YEAH?
OH, I'M SO HAPPY! YOU ACTUALLY CAME!
IT IS REALLY HER?! THIS BABE?
OH, NO...
I REALLY DON'T KNOW IF I CAN RESIST THAT INNOCENT SMILE...
NOW THEN...

I KNOW. . I'VE GOT IT... THERE!
I'M SORRY! BUT I JUST--
HUH?
DON'T MOVE!
UH ...?
HMM...
AH HAH! I WAS RIGHT!
YOU WERE?

YOU HAVE BEEN *POSSESSED!*
YOU'RE EMITTING THE PSYCHIC VIBRATIONS OF AN *UNHUMAN BEING!*
ACK!
NO... NO WAY! HAS THE SECRET OF THE GODDESSES FINALLY GOTTEN OUT...?!
AHH! BY THIS, MY OWN POWER, I SHALL RETURN TO THE DARKNESS THOSE EVIL SPIRITS THAT PREY ON MANKIND!
OOH, IT MAKES ME GIDDY JUST *THINKING* ABOUT IT!
UM... EXCUSE ME?
"EVIL SPIRITS"?
FEAR NOT!
I SHALL DRIVE THEM FROM YOU, NEVER FEAR!
WHAT *ARE* YOU? AN EXORCIST OR SOMETHING?
EXACTLY! I'VE BEEN DOING IT AS A HOBBY FOR TWO WHOLE YEARS!
IN OTHER WORDS, A TOTAL AMATEUR

I MADE UP MY MIND THE MOMENT I SAW YOU.
..."THAT BOY SHALL BE MY FIRST EXORCISM!"
WELL, ACTUALLY, I DON'T NEED ONE AT THE MOMENT..
IF YOU'RE GOING TO TELL HER NO, THEN TELL HER!!
YOU THINK I CAN ENTRUST BELLDANDY TO YOU WHEN YOU BEHAVE LIKE THIS?!
ARGH! I CAN'T STAND IT, YOU WIMP!
URD, YOU WERE SAYING EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE BEFORE..
I WAS JUST KIDDING, OKAY?! JEEZ!
?
?
AND YOU!!
YOU'RE AS BAD AS HE IS!
DOESN'T KEIICHI'S WIMPY WAFFLING BOTHER YOU?


KEIICHI CHOSE ME.
HE DESIRED THAT I STAY BY HIS SIDE.
SO NOW, ALL I CAN DO IS BELIEVE IN MY KEIICHI.
.. SOME-TIMES I WONDER WHY I EVEN BOTHER...
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
EXCUSE ME? I'M SORRY TO INTRUDE ON YOU WHEN YOU'RE OTHERWISE ENGAGED, BUT...
OOMPH!
IN ORDER TO EXORCISE MISTER MORISATO'S EVIL SPIRITS, I'LL BE STAYING AT YOUR HOUSE TONIGHT.

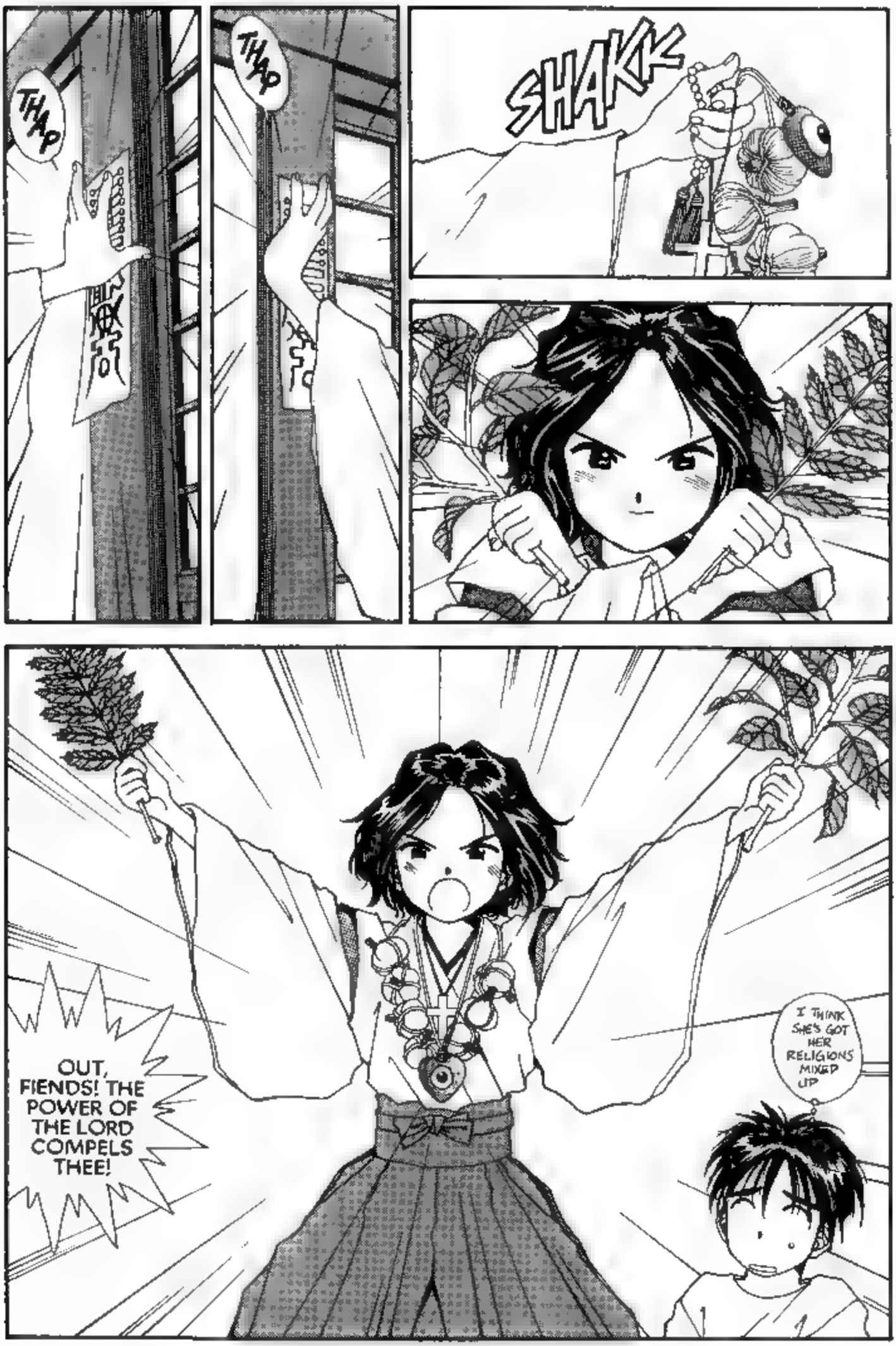
WHA-?!
SO LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME.
JUST WAIT A DARN SECOND, HERE!
YOU GUYS ARE ALL NUTS I GIVE UP!
AND NOW. .
PLEASE EXCUSE ME. .
...WHILE I PREPARE.
YOU GU-UYS! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER!
HOW COME SHE HAS TO STAY IN MY ROOM?!
BAM
BUT

APPARENTLY IT'S IN THE "BEST DIRECTION" OR SOMETHING
FOR WHAT?
FOR EXPELLING GHOSTS.
!!
G-GHOSTS.?
YOU'RE J-JOKING, RIGHT?
DOH I FORGOT SHE BELIEVES IN THAT STUFF! HEH. HEH
AAH! I HEARD SOMETHING! WHAT WAS THAT?! EEEK!
I, UH... I'M SORRY.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I GOT INVOLVED.
AND NOW SEE WHAT'S HAPPENED...
..
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO APOLOGIZE ABOUT.

"I WAS JUST A LITTLE WORRIED, THOUGH.
"IF THAT GIRL REALLY WAS IN LOVE WITH YOU ..
". . .I WAS AFRAID SHE WAS JUST GOING TO GET HURT."
OR IS THAT...
...TOO ARROGANT OF ME?
. . .
NOT IN THE LEAST. I--
THEY'RE UNDER MY BED! WAAH! I'M SCARED!!
THANKS FOR RUINING THE MOOD, KID!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

AND SO... LET US BEGIN.
WOW... YOU'VE EVEN GOT THE RIGHT CLOTHES?
OF COURSE! I MADE THEM MYSELF.
AND NOW...
....
....
UH... STOP. RIGHT. TH-THERE.
CALM YOURSELF.
FIRST, WE MUST SYNCHRONIZE OUR BREATHING.

IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY?
hffff
hffff
hahh
hahh
hffff
KYK
SPAKK
P-POLTERGEIST PHENOMENON!
EEEK! MOMMY!
WHAT A RACKET


THAP
THAP
SHAKK
OUT, FIENDS! THE POWER OF THE LORD COMPELS THEE!
I THINK SHE'S GOT HER RELIGIONS MIXED UP

?!
WHOOSH
HUH?
!!
AIEEEEE!

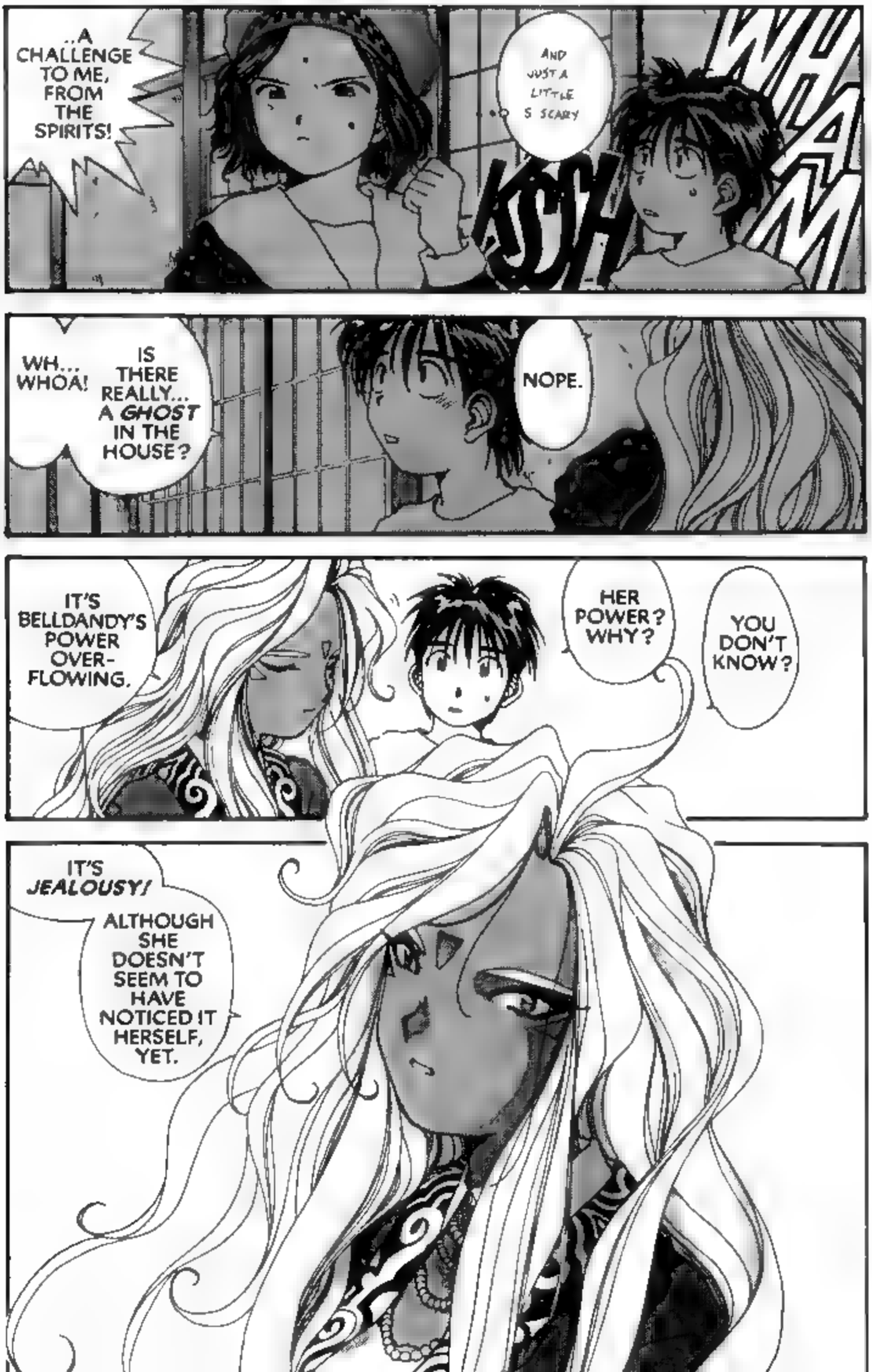
Y-YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AN EXORCIST, RIGHT?
SO DO SOME-THING!
EEK! MY WARDS AREN'T WORKING! AIEE!
URD, DEAR.. THIS SPELL..
I KNOW
THEY'RE ALL WRONG!
SCRAM, PAL!
I'M NOT VERY FAMILIAR WITH THESE FORMULAS OF HERS.
BUT I'D SAY THIS ONE PROBABLY EVOKES LOW-LEVEL SPIRITS
IN WHICH CASE...
WHY DO THESE THINGS ALWAYS LIKE ME SO MUCH?!
..BETTER TEAR THEM DOWN!

SHINGG
HUH?
WHA--?
?
GREAT! MY WARDS WORKED AFTER ALL!
I
I...
THEY'RE GONE?

I HAVE THE GIFT!
YEAH, RIGHT!
WELL THEN. THAT'S THAT.
NOW, SKULD!
GOOD RIDDANCE! SHOO!
KEIICHI...
THANK YOU.
YOU'RE THE FIRST.
YOU'RE THE VERY FIRST PERSON TO AGREE TO GO ALONG WITH MY HOBBY.

WELL, UH... IT WAS JUST THAT YOU LOOKED SO SERIOUS, Y'KNOW?
I HAD TO SAY *YES.*
MMM .
SEEMS LIKE THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN MEETS THE EYE, KEIICHI.

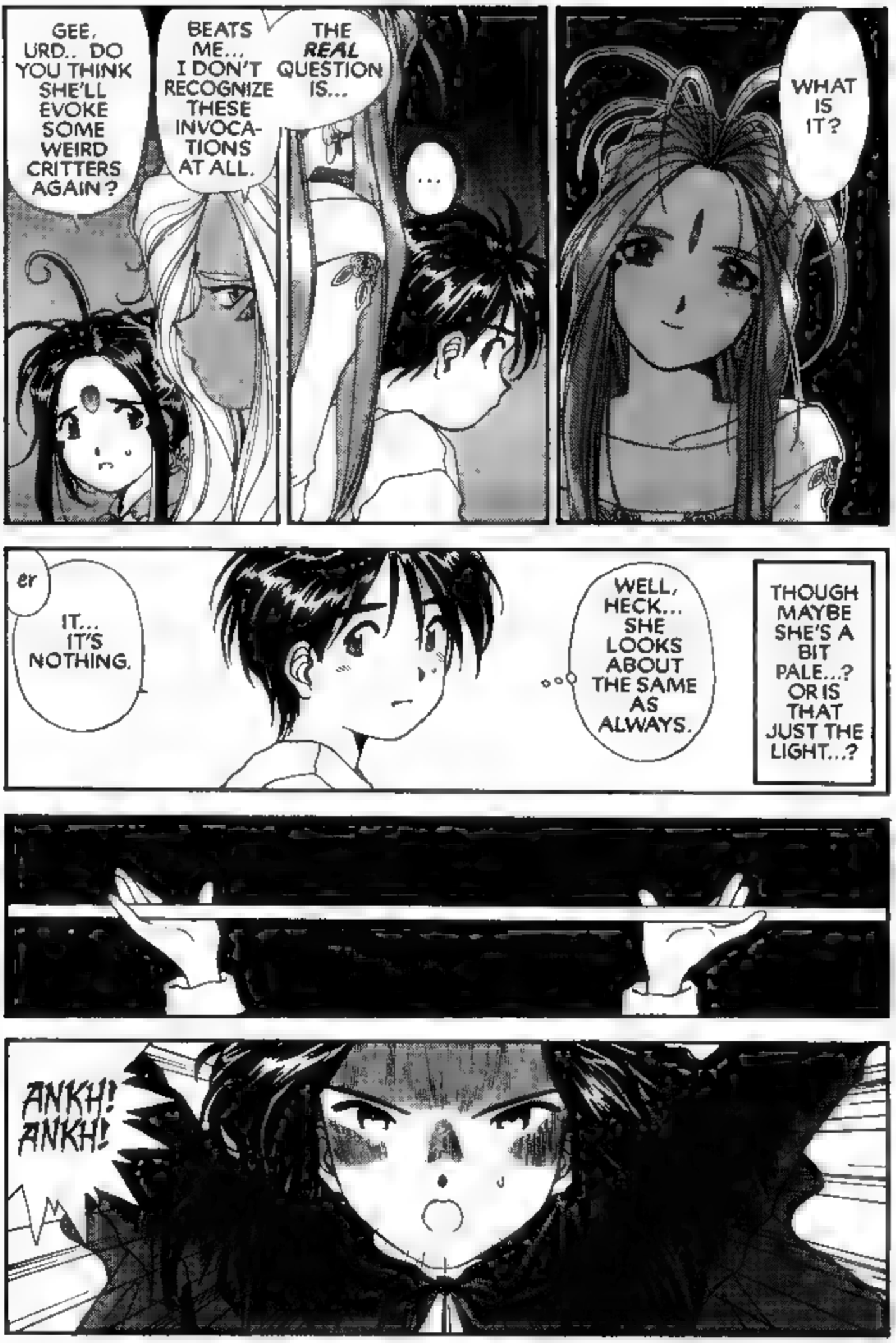
FRAK
KH!
SPAK
GLOBBLE
BBB BOOO ONNN GGGG
VEEEE
BBB OONN GGG
SKRASSH
THIS...
THIS IS..
EEK!
WAAH!
KOW!

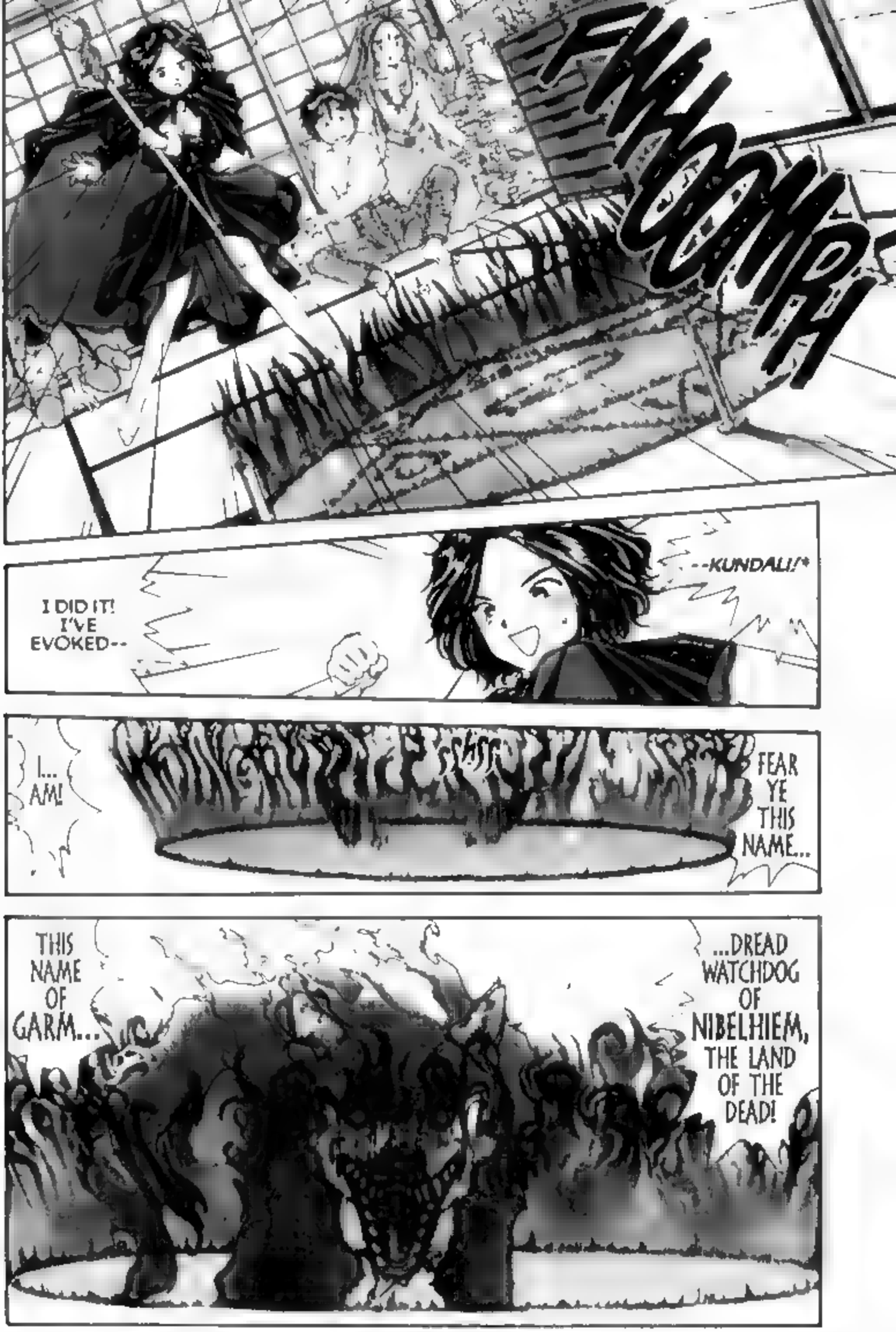

...A CHALLENGE TO ME, FROM THE SPIRITS!
AND JUST A LITTLE S SCARY
KSCH
WHAM
WH... WHOA!
IS THERE REALLY... A GHOST IN THE HOUSE?
NOPE.
IT'S BELLDANDY'S POWER OVER-FLOWING.
HER POWER? WHY?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
IT'S JEALOUSY!
ALTHOUGH SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE NOTICED IT HERSELF, YET.

FALLING IN LOVE...
...ISN'T ALWAYS PRETTY.
"NOT LIKE THAT," YOU WANT TO SAY?
BANPEI! SAVE ME! AAHH!! EVEN BANPEI'S GONE OUT!
NO WAY! BELL-DANDY'S NOT... SHE'S NOT...
MY SISTER'S NOT A DOLL, KEIICHI.
SHE HAS EMOTIONS. INCLUDING THAT ONE.
"THE GIRL'S WITHDRAW-ING INSIDE.
"BUT IN ANY CASE, WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER TO HERSELF.
"AND SOON SHE'LL EXPLODE."
....
....

...
THIS BLACKNESS WELLING UP IN MY HEART...
I... I CAN'T SUPPRESS THE DARKNESS.
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
WHAT ...?!
SKULD LABS
Aykh!
Aykh, Er Mitak!

Yewk Er Heh Ey Heh!
<LIVE LIFE, THOU SHALT NOT DIE!>
Aha Ey Heh!
<FOR MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF YEARS!>
Ya Inen Makhent Ey Ra!
<HAIL, BRINGER OF THE BOAT OF RA!>
Rud Akhf Em Mehit!
<STRONG ARE THY SAILS IN THE WIND!>
Em Khentik Er She Neserger!
<AS THOU SAILEST OVER THE LAKE OF FIRE...>
Em Neecher Khert!
<.. IN THE UNDER-WORLD!>


GEE, URD.. DO YOU THINK SHE'LL EVOKE SOME WEIRD CRITTERS AGAIN?
BEATS ME... I DON'T RECOGNIZE THESE INVOCA-TIONS AT ALL.
THE REAL QUESTION IS...
...
WHAT IS IT?
er
IT... IT'S NOTHING.
WELL, HECK... SHE LOOKS ABOUT THE SAME AS ALWAYS.
THOUGH MAYBE SHE'S A BIT PALE...? OR IS THAT JUST THE LIGHT...?
ANKH! ANKH!


KKOOM!!
I DID IT! I'VE EVOKED--
--KUNDALI!*
I... AM!
FEAR YE THIS NAME...
THIS NAME OF GARM...
...DREAD WATCHDOG OF NIBELHIEM, THE LAND OF THE DEAD!

GACK! WHY IS GARM HERE?!
EEEK!
YE WHO HATH EVOKED ME. SPEAK THE PURPOSE OF YOUR CALL!
YOU'RE NOT WHAT I WANTED.
YOU IDIOT!! DON'T--
BAD DOGGIE!
WHAT SAY YE?
THOU CALLEST FORTH GARM FOR NAUGHT?!
THIS CRIME...
...BE WORTHY OF A THOUSAND DEATHS!

WHSSH
WHAMM

QUICK, WHILE YOU CAN! ERASE THE MAGIC MANDALA!
SHE DREW IT WITH A PERMA-NENT MARKER! IT WON'T COME OFF!
THEN CHANGE IT TO AN ANTI-DEMON PROGRAM!
I DON'T KNOW THESE FORMULAS!
ANTI-DEMON PROGRAMS WON'T TOUCH GARM!
QUICKLY! RUN AN EVICTION ROUTINE!
BELL-DANDY!
EEK!
EEEK!

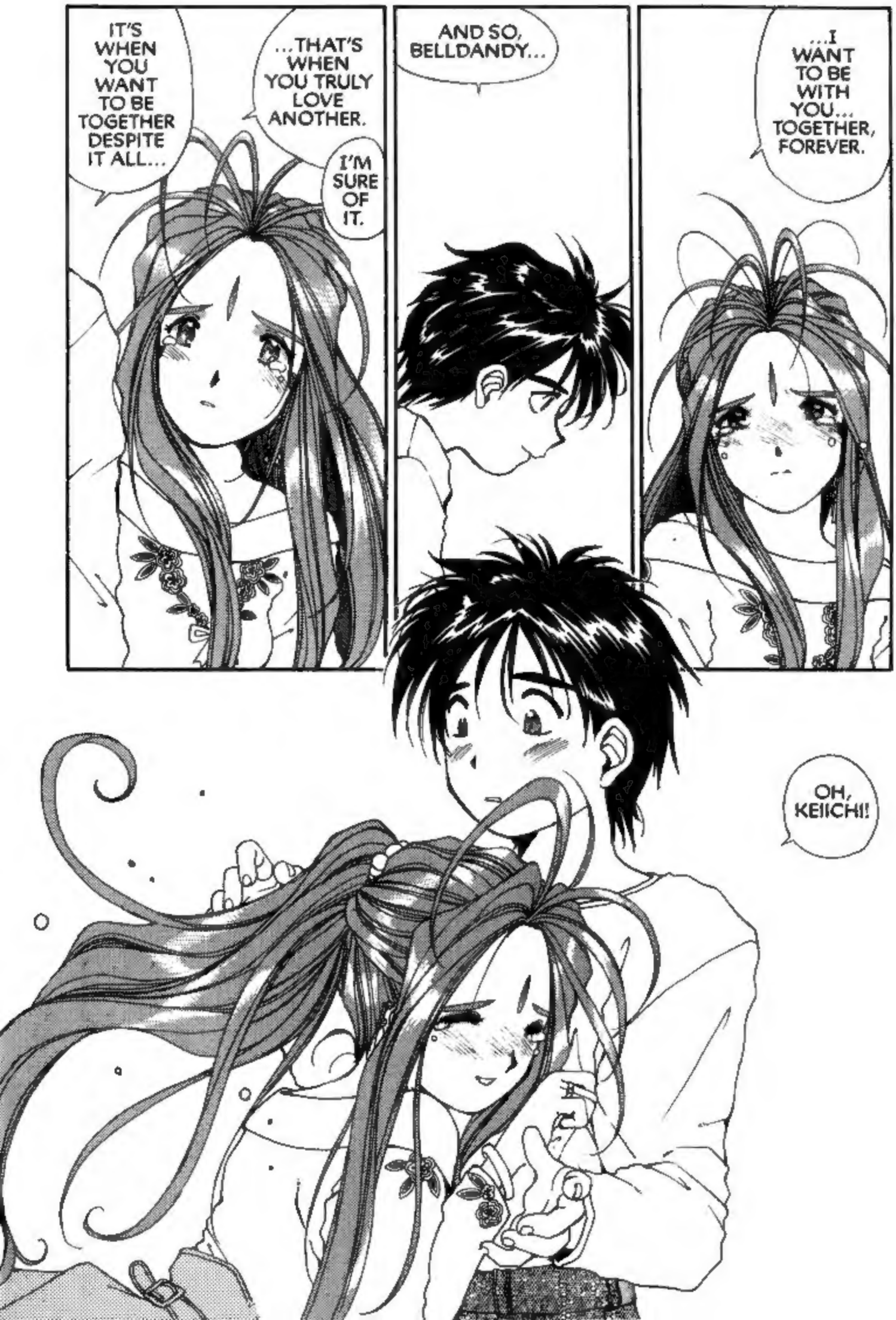
VMMM
GURF?!
YIPE!
I'VE GOT IT!
BELLDANDY'S PENT-UP JEALOUSY IS WEAKENING HER SEAL!*
STRIKE NOW, AND WE CAN RETURN HIM TO THE SPIRIT WORLD!
URD'S...

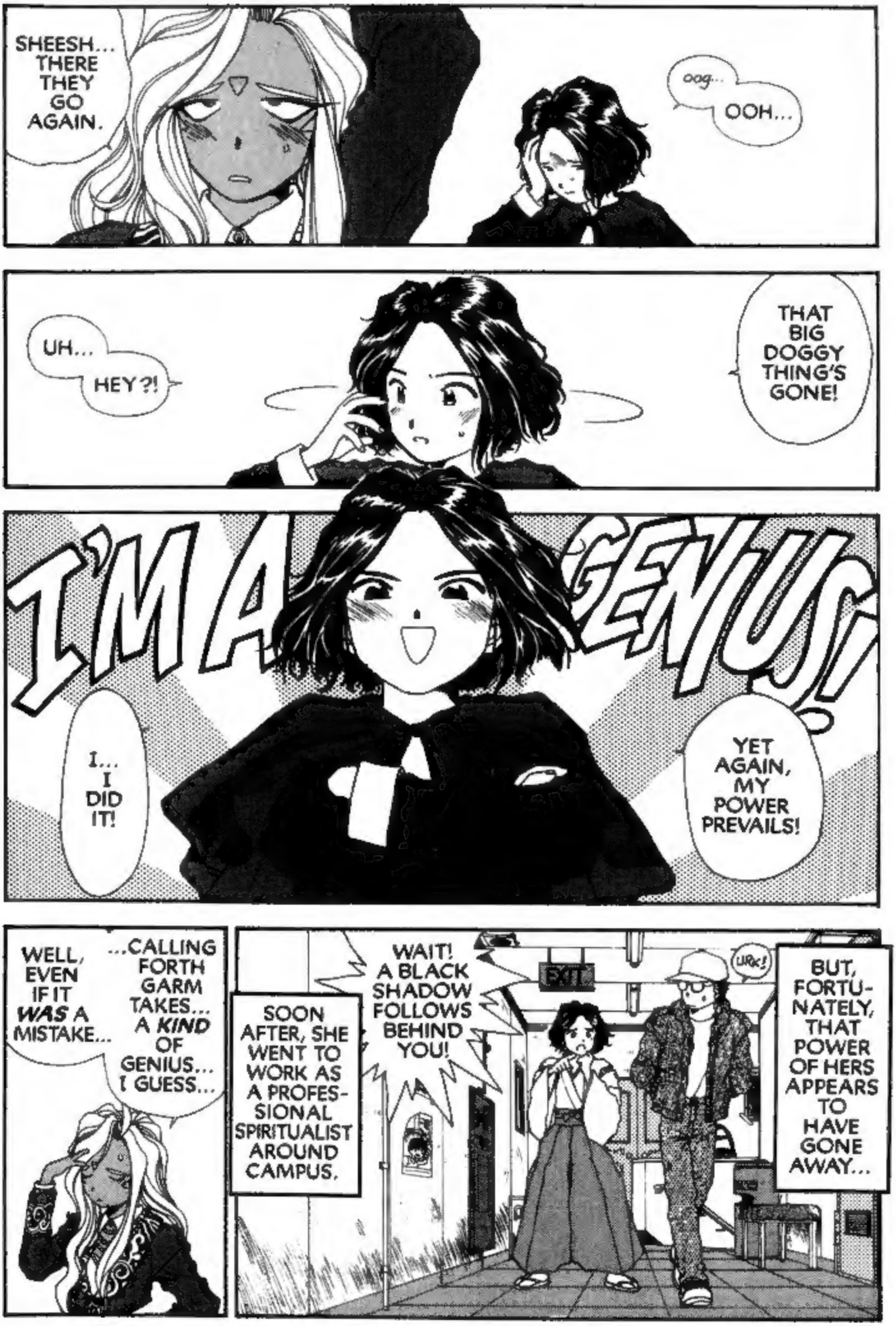
.REMOTE ..
HUH?
HEY!
VWHP
FWHIP
?!
BODY CONTROL!
AARG! I CAN'T STOP MYSELF!!

I UNDER-STAND NOW.
I WAS AFRAID.
ME...
aROOO!!

nng...
sniff
sniff
...?
BELL-DANDY ...?
sniff
F-FORGIVE ME.
I... I'M SUCH A HORRID WOMAN.
I THOUGHT I WAS WORRIED FOR HER...
BUT INSTEAD, ALL ALONG...

I WAS AFRAID I WOULD LOSE MY KEIICHI.
EVEN THOUGH I SAID I TRUSTED YOU!
KEIICHI, HOW YOU MUST DESPISE ME...
N-NO!
YOU'RE WRONG. I'M SORRY.
I WAS SITTING THERE ON TOP OF YOUR TRUST IN ME, ARMS FOLDED, TAKING YOU FOR GRANTED.
BUT YOU KNOW, URD TOLD ME SOME-THING.
SHE TOLD ME THAT FALLING IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ISN'T ALWAYS GOING TO BE EASY.
ANGER...
TEARS...
LAUGHTER...


IT'S WHEN YOU WANT TO BE TOGETHER DESPITE IT ALL...
...THAT'S WHEN YOU TRULY LOVE ANOTHER.
I'M SURE OF IT.
AND SO, BELLDANDY...
...I WANT TO BE WITH YOU... TOGETHER, FOREVER.
OH, KEIICHI!


SHEESH... THERE THEY GO AGAIN.
oog...
OOH...
UH...
HEY?!
THAT BIG DOGGY THING'S GONE!
I'M A GENIUS!
I... I DID IT!
YET AGAIN, MY POWER PREVAILS!
WELL, EVEN IF IT WAS A MISTAKE...
...CALLING FORTH GARM TAKES... A KIND OF GENIUS... I GUESS...
SOON AFTER, SHE WENT TO WORK AS A PROFESSIONAL SPIRITUALIST AROUND CAMPUS.
WAIT! A BLACK SHADOW FOLLOWS BEHIND YOU!
EXIT
URK!
BUT, FORTUNATELY, THAT POWER OF HERS APPEARS TO HAVE GONE AWAY...